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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

**BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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... 1000, Trenton, New Jersey.

July 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated July 2, 1936, requesting that flash cards on certain automobile motor and serial numbers be withdrawn. Please be advised that contact was made with the Motor Vehicle Bureau and withdrawal is requested on the automobile and serial numbers enumerated in your letter.

For your information please be informed that there is no index maintained at the Motor Vehicle Bureau in Trenton of motor numbers on automobiles, either officially or unofficially. There is an unofficial record kept of serial numbers of automobiles by J. R. Malley of the Automobile Underwriters Detective Bureau, who works in the offices occupied by the Motor Vehicle Bureau, as a representative of the A.U.D.B.

Very truly yours,

E. L. RICHMOND,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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July 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City, New York.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of the 2nd instant, the Cincinnati Office sees no useful purpose in checking up on H. G. Perry, 71 Fifth Avenue, New York City, as requested in report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock dated 4-19-36.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CORNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau ✓  
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P. O. Drawer V, Plaza Station,  
Saint Louis, Missouri,  
July 7, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

While conducting an investigation in Springfield, Illinois to establish whether or not Grace Goldstein, an associate of the Karpis crowd, was in that city, Special Agent (A) G. A. Stevens, of this office, was advised by Mr. Frank Figueira, of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification, that Mr. George F. Hunter, Chief Special Agent of the American Railway Express Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, had informed him that he, Mr. Hunter, had positive information that three men had been seen observing the actions of mine payrolls in Centralia, Illinois. Mr. Hunter went on to state that the currency for the mines in Centralia was shipped there by express and taken from the train to the mines by automobile, and the smallest shipment in recent months was \$35,000.00.

Mr. Hunter had expressed the belief that the three men were casing a hold-up and he requested Mr. Figueira to obtain some photographs of known bank robbers and he, Mr. Hunter, would display them to persons who had seen the men in Centralia. To date, Mr. Hunter has not called at Springfield, Illinois for the pictures.

It is believed that possibly these individuals might have been connected with Grace Goldstein and also with the Karpis gang. Therefore, it is suggested that Mr. Hunter be contacted at the offices of the American Railway Express Company, and all pertinent information concerning this incident be obtained.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
July 7, 1936

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Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Re: BREKID

Receipt is acknowledged of copies of  
two letters written by Dolores Delaney, an inmate  
of your institution - one to her mother, Mrs. Helen  
Delaney and the other to Alvin Karpis.

The contents of these letters have  
been carefully scrutinized.

Thanking you for your cooperation in  
this as in other matters, I remain,

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 2, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: WATKINS

There is going forward to your office, by registered mail, return receipt requested, the sum of \$300.00, which is to be delivered to the Warden of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, to be credited to the account of Harry Campbell. This money was taken from the possession of Harry Campbell at the time of his arrest at Toledo, Ohio.

The St. Paul office, on May 15, 1936, secured an authorization from Harry Campbell for the delivery of the \$300.00, which is being forwarded to you. It is desired that you secure a receipt from the Warden of the said penitentiary and from Harry Campbell for the said amount, when the money is delivered, copies of which receipts should be forwarded to the Bureau and to this office.

Very truly yours,

J. P. McFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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- Chicago  
- Cincinnati  
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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

July 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

This will confirm telephone conversation of even date concerning the proposed meeting of William Elmer Mead by Charles O. Long, an informant of this Office, at the Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska, between 10:00 A. M. and 12:00 M., on July 8, 1936.

Please be advised that the informant, accompanied by Special Agent V. E. Criss will leave Chicago, Illinois, tonight on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad at 6:25 P. M., arriving in Omaha, Nebraska at 7:20 A. M., July 8.

I have instructed Agent Criss to call at your Office on his arrival and, if possible, arrange for the informant to go to the Office in order that the Agents who are going to participate in the shadowing will become acquainted with the informant.

Since telephoning you, Agent Criss has been in contact with the informant, who states that William Elmer Mead will be using the name "Dr. Miles."

The informant states that in all probability the meeting will not take place at the Hotel Fontenelle but that he will likely receive a telephone call at that Hotel instructing him to go to some other Hotel located in Omaha for the actual meeting and it will therefore be necessary to have Agents continuously shadow the informant in order that they will be present at the time the actual meeting takes place.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

July 7, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted to the Bureau and to the  
offices listed below are copies of two letters  
written by Dolores Delaney, an inmate of the United  
States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, - one dated  
July 1, 1936, to her mother, Mrs. Helen Delaney,  
1558 East 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota - the other  
dated July 2, 1936, to Alvin Karpis, Subject in instant  
case.

Very truly yours,

*H. H. Reinecke*

H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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2 enclosures (in duplicate)

cc-St. Paul (2 enclosures)

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-copy- Mrs. Helen Delaney,  
1553 E. 7th St.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dolores Delaney  
July 1, 1936

My Darling Mother:

I would have liked to have answered your letter sooner but I had to wait for the first of the month. I was sure glad to hear from you and no fooling. I received a card from Babe saying that she was back in Chicago and had Bobby with her. I am glad she has him although I know you must be lonesome there all by yourself. Mumsy, I don't want you to send me any money from now on because I am being taken care of okay now. I am getting money the first of every month from now on and so I don't need a thing.

You said something about coming to see me. I don't think you ought to - it would probably only make you feel much worse to see me in a place like this. Of course I would love to see you but then I'll be out - just a little over two years.

I too wish you could have seen Mr. Karpis when he was in St. Paul. He and Mrs. Karpis brought Little Ray up to see me about two weeks ago and he told me that he had been too busy to look you up. Darling I wish you could see that son of mine now. He is getting so big and runs around like a little jackrabbit. He gets better looking every day. At first if I even looked at him he would cry and if I touched him he just howled, but before they left he let me hold him for a few minutes. I suppose you know about how I felt.

That picture of Alvin that you mentioned sounds just like him. I would sure like to have one and I'll be waiting pretty anxiously until I get it. You know I wasn't getting any papers when he was arrested and I haven't seen any late pictures of him. I am anxious to see whether he has changed any since I saw him last. Please make it a rush order won't you?

I was certainly surprised to hear about Carmen and Bobby Renolds. I would sure like to know who they married. If you see either of them again find out and let me know. I may know whoever it is. Honey, you told me to give your best regards to someone. Well I'm sorry but I can't do it. I don't speak to the party now and I guess you ought to be able to guess why if you can read. Honey I shall goodbye for this time and will write you again next month.

Oceans of love from your baby,

Dolores.

P.S.

Don't you know I couldn't ever get angry with you for something like that - in fact I never should have asked you for money in the first place knowing how hard up you are. I have plenty now.  
Love.

Dolores.

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Dolores Delaney  
Milan, Michigan  
July 2, 1936

My darling Alvin.

Just received your letter telling me about your mother and father and Clara being up there to see you. I am sure glad you got to see your Mother but I am rather disappointed cause you didn't see Ray. I did so want you to see him just once. Well, I guess that is up to you. I got Clara's letter the same time I got yours. I can't answer her directly but I will send her a few lines in my letter to your parents. It was a very sweet letter. I started getting the St. Paul papers about two weeks ago and I saw about your being arraigned and also about Bolton and Fitzgerald pleading guilty. I hope you stop feeling the way you said you did about your trial for you know "stranger things have happened." I was certainly pleased to see your mother and father and most of all Ray. Gee, he is the cutest and sweetest little fellow there ever was and I'm not just saying that 'cause I'm his mother - anyone can see that. I'll be very glad to get a picture of him - I have many snapshots of him but no regular photo. He is so big and runs around like a little jack-rabbit. Your Mother said that he certainly keeps her busy running after him. At first when I even looked at him he started to cry and if I tried to touch him, he just howled but before they left he let me pick him up and kiss him. Things sure aren't anything like we had planned them before he came, are they, honey? Do you still remember what I told you about him? Well, I still feel the same way. Your father and I didn't do much arranging as far as finances and the car went. I would much rather you settled those things. I received ten dollars from him last month and I thought you had fixed that. I would love to live in Calif. but I am afraid I don't believe I know the place you mentioned in your letter. Anyway I wouldn't care to go there, I know. You asked me how a certain party was - well, I'm sorry I can't tell you but I haven't paid enough attention to the party. We're not on speaking terms and I suppose you can guess why easily. Did that agent who was in Phil. when I was tell you how ornery I was. They all told me they had never seen anyone so stubborn and hateful. I didn't mean to be but of course we didn't agree on many things so I guess that's the reason. I hear from mother and Bud every month and Babe writes once in awhile but I haven't heard from Jean now for over a year except for a Xmas card. Bud has been real sweet to me - he is the best brother any girl ever had. About those clothes you planned on sending him - why, Darling - if you want to send them I know he'll be tickled to get them. He is working now but he only gets sixteen dollars a week and half the time he has to support Babe and Jean on that so I don't imagine the poor kid has much. Babe has moved to Chicago and has her boy with her. Pat isn't out yet as far as I know but I don't imagine it will be long now. I don't believe they are going back together - at least Mother said they weren't. You asked me who rolled my Bull Durham for me - well, when I first came here I had to have someone roll them for me, but

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now I can really roll them pretty good. I believe I will stop right now and roll one. I rolled it and it looks almost like a tailor made. I won't claim to be able to roll them with one hand and I don't believe I will ever be as good as the girl in the picture. I tried buying one bag of B.D. and one pkg. of Chesterfields but I just can't make them last all week, but you really don't have to worry about my rolling them on the outside 'cause I still prefer Chesters. by far. Honey, I have to laugh even now when I think of Koots - she sure was silly. Do you remember when she said she had been to the Worlds Fair five years ago. And do you remember the cook at Varadera and his cap - I thought you would split, and at first I didn't know what you were laughing at as I hadn't really looked at him then. I didn't like the place very well then but we had some grand times didn't we? I'd sure like to be there now. Remember the shark you caught - it was sure a whopper. You asked me about magazines but honey we can't get any. There are certain ones I wouldn't mind having but I ought to consider myself lucky, to get the newspapers after all the trouble we had getting them. We weren't allowed any at all until just recently, so you can imagine how much news we got. Was that picture of me that the agent showed you the one that was taken in the hospital? That was terrible. I look as white as a sheet. Of course I can't send you any while I'm here but when I get out I'll have some real nice ones made for you if you still want one. I would love to have a picture of you and I'm going to try and get one. I mean other than newspaper pictures. Honey, I will start reducing today - tho I only weigh 109 now and I believe I weighed a trifle more than that the last time I wrote you. Clara said you were looking good and I was certainly glad to hear it. She also said that you seemed very concerned over Raymond and I. Please darling, don't worry about me as I am getting along very well, really. Of course I will be glad to get out and everything but its really not so terribly bad. Your people have been so awfully good to me and getting their letters and things makes everything easier. I have never heard from my Dad although Bud sent me a letter he had received from him in which Dad inquired about me. I would so like to hear from him but I guess I'm out of luck as far as that's concerned. He is up in Wisconsin somewhere taking care of somebody's summer place. Well, just as long as I keep hearing from you everything will be okay. Of course, you know I would much rather you were free even if that meant that I would never hear from you. Every night I prayed for you to be kept safe and I just couldn't believe it when it happened. Maybe someday things will be all right, sweetheart, and we may have another chance to be together, you and Ray and I.

Honey I don't wonder Dad thought you were kidding when you told him about going so fast. If I hadn't been there I would be a bit skeptical myself. I am surprised to hear of him driving 95 - that doesn't seem like him, does it? I'll bet your mother wasn't with him. I was sure glad when Schmelling won the fight. I always have rather liked him and I want to see

him make a come-back. Most of the girls were for Louis and they ribbed me before the fight and all said that Schmelling couldn't win. Well I guess that is one time I got the last laugh for sure. I almost forgot to tell you I am taking the Dispatch. That is the paper I always took when I lived in St. Paul so I just naturally subscribed for it. I wish now I had taken the News since you say it's the best but I guess I had better be satisfied with what I've got.

Darling, do you remember the "Velvet Tobacco." You certainly seemed to get a kick out of that and do you remember those silver dollars I had for so long? I wanted to keep them so badly but when I got here they said they would have to go in with the rest of my money. I was mad as the very dickens at first. Thank you so much for the birthday present, honey. It was sure sweet of you to send it and I will have a grand time buying fruit and candy with it. I'm just a spendthrift but I'm trying to get along on as little as I can while I'm here but I'll splurge with the twenty dollars and I know whatever I buy with it will taste much better than the rest.

Gee, I could write just pages and pages to you and still not say everything I want to but I have used all of the paper I am allowed so I will have to close for now and will write again next month. All my love.

Dolores.

July 8, 1936.

Time - 11:33 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

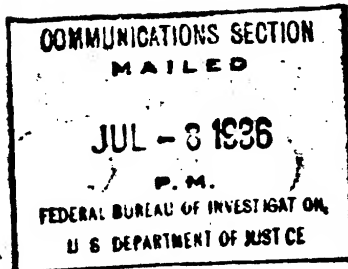
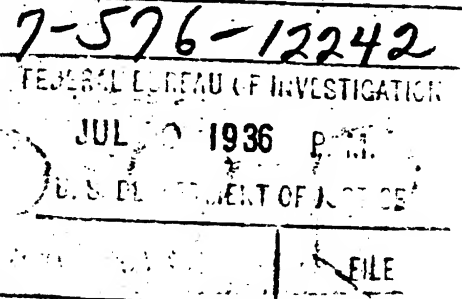
Re: William Elmer Meade

I telephoned Mr. Gartland, the Assistant Chief Inspector at the Post Office Department who was acting in the absence of Mr. Aldrich, and informed him of the apprehension of Meade in Omaha this morning. I stated that if a Post Office Inspector desired to interrogate Meade we would be glad to make him available.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Egan  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
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**Time - 11:30 A.M.**

Re: William Elmer Heade

Very truly yours,

**John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.**

Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Tamm .....
Chief Clerk .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Coffey .....
Mr. Edwards .....
Mr. Egan .....
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI OHIO

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/7/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/7/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. L. FLOOD</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TMH</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER ..... VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING: HARBORING OF FUGITIVES: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> <p>Motor Vehicle Bureaus, Des Moines, Iowa and Lincoln, Nebraska advise that no record was found of the 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, motor number 18-429,014 having been registered. Flash cards have been placed in the files of these bureaus and in the event of registration, this office will be notified.</p> <p>- P -</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: Letter from Cleveland Office, dated 6/17/36			
DETAILS:  <p>In response to letters addressed to L. E. Wallace, Superintendent, Motor Vehicle Department, Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. M. G. Tracy, Motor Vehicle Department, Lincoln, Nebraska, these individuals notified this Bureau Office that their records fail to show the registration of a 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, Motor number 18-429,014. Flash cards have been placed in the files of both Divisions and in the event this car is registered in the future, the Omaha Bureau Office will be immediately notified.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. A. [Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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St. Paul, Minnesota  
July 7, 1936

MEMO FOR ALL AGENTS:

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, Post Office Inspectors who are permitted to interview Alvin Karpis shall do so only in the presence of Bureau agents, who may be assigned on guard duty. You are instructed that care should be exercised at all times to absolutely prohibit any third degree or threatening tactics on the part of persons interviewing him. Any instances of violation of these instructions should be referred to the Special Agent in Charge immediately for reference to the Bureau.

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Bureau

J. V. ANDERSON  
J. E. BRENNAN  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City, Missouri</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-7-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-30-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. E. HOPTON</b> OS
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston is unknown to Walter J. Pharris, Springfield, Missouri. Max Pharris, Springfield, Missouri, advised that the photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran resembles the Dr. Ormiston that he knew at the Transient Camp, Langdon, North Dakota.			
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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 6-14-36.			
DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. J. Endres:  Agent interviewed Joe Alexander, Postmaster, Branson, Missouri, who advised that Walter H. Pharris was the Finance Director for the W.P.A. at Springfield, Missouri. He further advised that Floyd Jones was the County Administrator for the W.P.A. in Taney County, Missouri. Agent interviewed Floyd Jones and exhibited photograph of Dr. Joseph Moran. Mr. Jones stated that Dr. Moran is not known to him. Postmaster Alexander also stated that the photograph of Dr. Moran does not represent anyone known to him.  Walter J. Pharris, Finance Director, W.P.A., Springfield, Missouri, advised that he does not recall writing his son a letter at Fargo, North Dakota with reference to a Dr. Ormiston, but states			
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that Dr. Ormiston is not known to him. Agent presented the photograph of Dr. Moran, but Mr. Pharris stated that he does not know this individual. He did advise that his son, Max Pharris, was presently in Springfield, Missouri, and available for interview.

Max Pharris, Milner Hotel, 438 East Commercial Street, advised that when he was in the transient camp at Langdon, North Dakota in July and August 1935 a Dr. Ormiston was Assistant Manager of the camp; that this doctor did not get along with him but had stated that he was acquainted with W. H. Pharris at Branson, Missouri, and recalled individuals to Max Pharris which indicated that Ormiston was familiar with Branson, Missouri. Ormiston stated to Max Pharris, and others, at the transient camp that he had formerly been a practicing physician in California but had been disbarred for performing an illegal operation, after which he went to work for Alexander Pantages in a virgin colony that Pantages had near Los Angeles, California; that he treated the girls in the colony and continued on this job until the colony was raided and a man and wife were arrested for maintaining the colony; that Ormiston claimed that he went to work for the Government as an inspector of transient camps and that he had been at the transient camps at Memphis, Tennessee, during the winter of 1934; then at the transient camp at Branson, Missouri; then at the camp at Bismarck, North Dakota, and then to the camp at Langdon, North Dakota. Ormiston claimed that he resided in Washington, D.C., and that he first joined the transient camp at Jefferson City, Missouri. Ormiston stated that he was also acquainted with Rex Allaman, Relief Director at Forsythe, Missouri. Max Pharris stated that the photograph of Dr. Moran resembles Dr. Ormiston except that Ormiston did not have any freckles.

Dr. H. T. Evans, Branson, Missouri, advises that while the transient camp was operating at Branson, Missouri, he consulted with the camp doctor at various times, but states that the camp doctor was a man of about 20 years, who was a junior in a medical college. Agent exhibited photograph of Dr. Moran to Dr. Evans who stated that the profile of both was similar but that the doctor at the transient camp was much younger.

Rex Allaman, Manager of the Shepard of the Hills Resort, near Forsythe, Missouri, stated that he does not recall the name of the doctor at the transient camp but states that he resembles the photograph of Dr. Moran, except that he was much younger and had stated that he was a junior in a medical college in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Allaman states that a Mr. Chappell was in charge of the camp at the time and that he probably would know the name and address of the doctor who was at the Branson, Missouri Transient Camp. He states that Wallace Crossley, State Relief Administrator, Jefferson, Missouri, would have the present address of Mr. Chappell.



T. L. Grinstead, Chief of Police, Branson, Missouri, stated that he was in the vicinity of Branson in 1934 but was not connected with the police department at that time. He states that the photograph of Dr. Moran does not recall to him anyone in Branson, Missouri.

Rex Allaman advised Agent that the case history of each transient admitted to the transient camps was maintained in a file at Jefferson City, Missouri, where it would be available in the office of Wallace Crossley, State Relief Administrator.

No leads are being set out to contact the State Relief Administrator at Jefferson City, Missouri for a search of the files of that office or for the present address of Mr. Chappell, former manager of the Branson Transient Camp for the reason that the doctor stationed at that camp was evidently not Dr. Moran because of the difference in the ages of these individuals.

P E N D I N G.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907

Jacksonville, Florida

July 8, 1936.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 1, 1936, (7-576, 7-1367, 7-1128), in the above entitled matters.

Please be advised that Myrtle Eaton has been contacted in the Duval County Jail at Jacksonville, Florida, and has refused to submit specimens of her handwriting and handprinting. She was first contacted by Special Agent C. B. Winstead, to whom she stated that she would not submit any specimens of handwriting or handprinting unless her attorney, Mr. H. M. Wise, should confer with her and specifically advise her to do so.

Mr. Wise was contacted by Special Agent (A) G. S. Goshorn, who stated that he would confer with Myrtle Eaton and advise her of her rights, but would not on his own volition advise her one way or the other about allowing the Bureau to have the specimens. Mr. Wise was very fair in the matter and stated that he would like to cooperate with the Bureau as far as possible but felt it his duty to advise her concerning her rights and leave the decision up to her. He stated that he definitely did not want to go on record with the Bureau as advising her not to submit her handwriting and handprinting specimens.

Accordingly, Mr. Wise held an interview with Myrtle Eaton at the Duval County Jail, after which he advised this office that she had told him to advise the Bureau that she would not give the requested specimens. Mr. Wise stated that Myrtle Eaton took the attitude that she had been convicted and was serving her time and that she did not feel that she should give the Government anything further.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan  
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Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

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REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 7/7/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/30 to 7/5/36	REPORT MADE BY C. E. SMITH EJB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>D. A. Rebillot advises houses of prostitution operate openly in Canton, O. Rebillot knows of no organized gambling in Canton. Barney Slesnick advises police are active in red light district. Norville Wyatt, colored, minor pimp and gambler, states prostitution is open but not organized, advises practically no gambling exists. Earl Kiel identifies photo of Karpis as individual Joe Rich brought to McKinley Airport. Prostitutes interviewed, no information secured. Chief Manderbaugh advises all prostitutes are fingerprinted and photographed, and must submit to periodical blood tests. Miss Esch advises Tony Lafatch has guns used in Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery in his possession.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Reports of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 4/22/36 and 1/20/36; Letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Bureau, dated at Toledo, Ohio, 6/26/36.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b>      <u>AT CANTON, OHIO</u></p> <p>The following is a joint report of Special Agents C. E. Smith and J. B. Fitzgerald.</p>			
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Mr. D. A. Rebillot, 210 Park Avenue, SW, Canton, Ohio, a mill machinery salesman, who is a highly respectable gentleman, life long resident of Canton, and close personal friend of Special Agent J. B. Fitzgerald, was contacted relative to vice and gambling in the city as known to the average citizen, who does not come in personal contact with the same, stated that there is no secret about the presence of houses of prostitution in Canton, and that they seem to operate with the full knowledge of the police department. He said most of this activity is confined to a district in the vicinity of Walnut Street and Fifth Avenue, SW, and that each such house is conspicuously marked by the presence of red lights placed near windows or doors. He stated that there are a few such houses in other widely separated sections of the city. He then took Agents in his car on a tour of the city, and pointed out each of the spots which he knew by reputation to be houses of prostitution, and each could be readily identified as such by the presence of the lights with red shades. He further stated that if one should walk past any of these places he would be invited in by girls tapping at or calling from windows. He said he knew nothing about protection for these places, or any persons actively engaged in the business. He stated that all of this is common knowledge to the average citizen of Canton, and he has no information of an inside nature about this vice.

As to gambling he said he knew of no places in the city where such a thing was carried on and said he knew of no slot machines in the city, and only a few pin ball machines.

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Barney Slesnick, 334 Sixth Street, was interviewed and stated that he had been engaged in the rag business in that vicinity for years and naturally knew a number of prostitutes as it was generally known a number of houses operated in the near vicinity. Mr. Slesnick was questioned as to the identity of prostitutes who had used his telephone, and he stated that he had discontinued that practice shortly after William Ryan, who was convicted under the White Slave Traffic Act, had failed to pay the cost of the calls.

Continuing, Mr. Slesnick stated about two years ago he had rented part of his building to a prostitute, but was told by the city officials they would padlock his place unless he made the prostitute move, which he did. Mr. Slesnick stated that the police are very active in the district making the rounds at least once an hour. Mr. Slesnick was unable to furnish Agents with the names of any of the madams in the district.

Agents later contacted Mr. A. F. Williams, manager, Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Canton, Ohio, for the purpose of securing the record of all long distance telephone calls made from number 8003, which is Mr. Slesnick's number. However, Mr. Williams stated he could not give out this information without a subpoena. No amount of argument could change Mr. Williams's mind.

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Norville W. Wyatt, 511 Cherry Street, colored, who is known as "Skippy" and operates the Apex Smoke Shop at the above number, and who, according to A. C. L. Barthelmeh, Assistant County Prosecuting Attorney, has acted as a procurer for madams in the Cherry Street district, was interviewed and discreetly questioned relative to vice and gambling conditions in Canton, Ohio.

Mr. Wyatt stated that at the present time several houses operate openly in the vicinity, however, the police are very vigilant and will not tolerate window tapping or street soliciting. Wyatt further stated that last month (May) the Chief of Police had made a trip through the red light district and had arrested five girls for window tapping. Continuing, Wyatt stated that the prices ranged from fifty cents to two dollars, however, there were very few places that charged the maximum as the traffic would not stand it. Wyatt was questioned as to the locations of the various houses and he advised that with the exception of two or three on the northeast side of town, they were all located in the vicinity of Cherry, Walnut and Rex Streets, between Second and Sixth Streets. In answer to the question of who operated the largest house at the present time, Wyatt stated that Edna Haney had the most notorious, if not the largest, due to the recent arrest of Joe Rich, her husband and pimp.

With reference to gambling conditions, Wyatt advised that he had run a small game for a while and was warned by the Chief to stop, however, he did not and was arrested and paid a fine of about \$1.00 and costs. Wyatt further stated that he had no knowledge of any large gambling joints in Canton, or vicinity, and did not believe there were any, stating that from conversations he overheard in the district, games were impromptu and generally held in some private home.

With reference to slot machines, Wyatt stated that he had not seen any and would not know where to find any. In this connection Agents, while visiting smoke shops, saloons, etc., have not seen any

slot machines on display, however, there were a few pin ball games and punch boards.

During the interview numerous photographs of individuals mentioned during the course of the BREKID investigation, as well as photographs of subjects of this case, were exhibited to Wyatt, and he identified the photograph of Joe Rich, as Edna Haney's paramour, and partially identified the photograph of Fred Hunter, as an individual who in the past had resided at, or was a frequent visitor at Madam Staley's place, which is located on Walnut Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

Wyatt was discreetly questioned as to police protection in so far as prostitution, gambling and slots were concerned, and he stated that the police under the present Chief were "tough", and meant business and tolerated nothing. He further stated that he did not believe there was a pay off of any kind.

Wyatt was also questioned as to the identity of the individual who was considered head of the houses of prostitution, and he advised that in so far as he knew, each house was a private venture.

Earl Kial instructor at the National Flying School, Inc., McKinley Field, Canton, Ohio, was reinterviewed and the following statement was obtained from him, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland files of this matter:

46/30/36  
Canton, Ohio

"I, EARL KIAL, do hereby make the following statement to J. B. Fitzgerald and Clyde K. Smith, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

"On Jan. 19, 1936 just before dusk a Ryan Cabin Plane, silver and maroon color with an odd sweepback striping on the wing and powered by a J5 whirlwind motor, landed at the McKinley Airport and stopped at the hangar of the National Flying School, Inc.

"The plane carried two passengers, a man and a woman, the man I would judge was about 35 years of age, walking with a decided limp, and wearing riding breeches and boots. The woman I believe was about 28 years of age, dark hair, dark complexion and rather attractive. During the time the pilot was at the

hangar I recall that he said he had flown into Youngstown, Ohio a few days before, and I believe he also stated he had just come from Little Rock or Hot Springs, Arkansas. Later I drove them to the Courtland Hotel in Canton, and later the same night he called me at home and stated he was leaving about 6 AM the next morning for some place in Arkansas and desired sufficient gasoline to go to Louisville, Kentucky.

"The following morning on January 20, 1936 I met the pilot and the lady at the airport and sold him thirty gallons of gasoline, placing it in his plane by hand. I fix this date by checking the General Journal which reflects I sold the gasoline on Jan. 20, 1936.

"While the plane was being warmed up a green colored LaSalle coupe, with a tan colored top pulled up at the hangar. The LaSalle had three passengers, two men and a woman. I have been shown a photograph of Alvin Karpis, by Special Agent Smith and identify it as a photograph of the individual in the LaSalle. I have placed my initials, 'E.K.' in ink on the rear of the photograph. I also picked out a photograph bearing number 6009 as the individual who was operating the LaSalle. I have been advised by Special Agent Smith the man's name is Joe Rich. I cannot identify any of the photographs as the likeness of the woman who was in the LaSalle coupe.

"After the ship was warmed up, the man Karpis and the woman and the pilot and the woman who came with him left in the plane and proceeded in a due west direction.

"I have read this statement and it is true.

WITNESSES

Clyde E. Smith,  
J. B. Fitzgerald, Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

/s/ EARL G. KIAL

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During a survey of the red light district, Agents attempted to gain entrance to a house located at 624 Rex Street, and operated by one "Sadie", however, she refused Agents admission and it was noted when Agents left the porch that an officer was standing on the corner watching.

Shortly after the officer left, Agents visited a house operated by Margaret Miller, 402 Sixth Street, and after admittance found that one other girl also worked in the house. This girl refused to give Agents her name and stated that her home was in Canton, Ohio. Margaret Miller, as soon as she ascertained that Agents were not customers, was very hesitant in giving information, and advised that Agents could easily secure any information at the police station as all prostitutes were fingerprinted and their photographs were on file in the police station. Miss Miller finally refused to answer any questions put to her by Agents.

While walking past 463 Third Street, SE, Agents were invited in by a woman, and upon entering were requested to make themselves at home in the parlors. Two girls very scantily dressed then engaged Agents in conversation and when Agents made their identity known and asked for the madam, the girls refused to talk and would give only the names of "Red" and "Blondie." Agents were unable to secure any information relative to vice conditions in Canton, Ohio, from the girls.

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Ira A. Manderbaugh, Chief of Police, Canton, Ohio, interviewed at police headquarters in the presence of Detective Tim Lloyd of the vice squad, gave such information as he had relative to William Elmer Mead, I. O. #1354, which ostensibly, was the object of Agents' visit. He stated, concerning commercialized prostitution in Canton, Ohio, as follows:

About a month or two ago he put into effect certain regulations pertaining to madams who operate houses of prostitution in Canton, and prostitutes who are inmates of these houses, although they are not licensed or given permits of any kind to operate.

The Chief stated that every prostitute and madam in the city of Canton is photographed, fingerprinted, given a blood test and a smear, before being allowed to operate; no more than two girls are



allowed in one house and no soliciting, such as tapping on windows or calling therefrom, is allowed. A lamp with a red shade is burned conspicuously in every house of prostitution in order to designate the place as such a house. The Chief stated that officers periodically stop in these houses and request the inmates to produce these cards, which must reflect that each prostitute has been examined by the city health doctor within a certain period of time and found to have no disease. Each prostitute must report to the city health doctor each week for a smear test and every six weeks for a blood test, and the results of this medical examination are entered, with the date thereof, on the card which is always retained by the girl.

These officers stated that when a new prostitute comes to town she stops at police headquarters before going to work and gives the address she is going to work at and name of the madam she will work for, then is photographed, fingerprinted and examined. When a prostitute desires to change from one house to another in the city she must come to police headquarters, advise the vice squad of this desire, then if there is no reason for objection on the part of the police, she is allowed to do so and a record of this transfer and new location kept at headquarters. From the conversation of the Chief, Agents understood that only one transfer is permitted and the next move is out of the city.

Detective Lloyd stated that there are presently sixty-seven registered prostitutes in Canton, practicing their profession in about twenty or twenty-five houses located in various sections of the city, although about twenty-five of these places are closely grouped in the red light district, the center of which is the corner of Fourth Avenue and Rex Street, SE. In this connection Agents, one evening, counted twenty-one such places in this immediate vicinity in active operation as advertised by red lights in front of the windows.

In passing through this section in daylight, Agents saw scantily dressed prostitutes in a window of almost every house and were invited in at least a dozen places by girls standing in doors, tapping at windows and calling from open windows. Investigations made in some of these houses by Agents will be covered by another part of this report. While in conversation with the Chief and Detective Lloyd Agents advised that they had conducted some investigation relative to a fugitive in some of these houses, and were told by the Chief that he was glad of it and wished that Federal officers would stop in these places frequently because every time Federal men appear, these places close up for a few days, including houses not visited by the said officers.

The Chief stated that in his opinion prostitution could not be entirely stamped out and an attempt to do so would scatter it all over the city and it is much better to have it confined to certain districts and well regulated as it presently is in Canton, than to have it scattered and unregulated. He was pleased with Agents' visit, offered any assistance Agents might need in any investigation and said his records as to prostitutes, or others, were available to the Bureau at any time.

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During the course of an interview had by Agents with Ira Manderbaugh, Chief of Police, and Detective Tim Lloyd, Lloyd advised that one Daisy Farmer, presently an inmate of Edna Haney's house of prostitution, had probably been brought to Canton, Ohio, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by Eddie Danford. The records of the Identification Unit reflect the following relative to Daisy Farmer:

Name	-	Daisy Farmer
Age	-	22 years
Height	-	5'2"
Weight	-	126 pounds
Hair	-	Black
Eyes	-	Dark chestnut
Complexion	-	Medium
Build	-	Medium
Color	-	White
Marital Status	-	Married
Residence	-	410 Fourth St., NE, Canton, O.
Canton PD #6112	-	
Occupation	-	Prostitute
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During the course of this investigation at Canton, Ohio, additional information will be sought relative to a possible violation of the White Slave Traffic Act involving Eddie Danford and Edna Haney.

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Miss Leona M. Esch, Assistant Operating Director of the Cleveland Association for Criminal Justice, advised the writer that an informant of hers had stated that Sidney Herman, a dealer at the Harvard Club, was the individual who furnished the machine guns used in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery, and the guns were presently in possession of Tony Lafatch, a hoodlum, from Akron, Ohio, who was questioned at one time by the Bureau in connection with the Horst kidnapping.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Canton, Ohio, will continue the investigation relative to possible harboring charges against Edna Haney, Joe Rich and John Stover.

At Cleveland, Ohio will reinterview Miss Leona Esch in an endeavor to ascertain additional facts relative to the whereabouts of the guns used in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery.

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May 1, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis

There is attached hereto a memorandum prepared by Supervisor McIntire concerning the personal history of Alvin Karpis.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM

The parents of Alvin Karpis are Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavics, who are Lithuanians, having been born in Russia. They migrated to this country, first living in New York, thence moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan, thence to Montreal, Canada, where they remained for two years. During this period Alvin Karpis was born in Montreal in November, 1909. When Alvin Karpis was two years of age, his family moved to Topeka, Kansas. In 1923 Alvin moved to Chicago, Illinois, with his family, where he worked in various bakeries. Examination by a physician disclosed that Alvin had leakage of the heart and he was advised to take an extended vacation.

Alvin went to live with his sister, Mrs. Bert Grooms, at 1234 Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas. While here he became involved in a burglary and was sentenced to serve ten years in the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas. He escaped from this institution on March 9, 1929. He rejoined his parents in Chicago. The parents, while appearing to be substantial citizens, refrained from notifying Kansas state authorities of the location of Alvin Karpis. While with his parents on this occasion, Karpis secured employment with a concern that sold medical equipment.

While an escape and while living with his parents, Karpis was joined by Lawrence De Vol, who is now serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minnesota, charged with participating in the robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in which two officers and a civilian were killed. Karpis and De Vol then "drifted" to Kansas City, Missouri, where Karpis was apprehended as Raymond Hadley by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department on March 23, 1930, on the charge of auto larceny and safe blowing. On March 25, 1930, Karpis was returned to the Reformatory at Hutchinson. He was transferred to the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, on May 19, 1930, to serve the balance of his sentence on the charge of burglary, second degree.

While in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Karpis became closely associated with Fred Barker, who was serving a sentence of from five to ten years on the charge of burglary and larceny. Karpis and Fred Barker also became friendly with Jess Doyle, who was likewise serving in the Kansas State Penitentiary at this time.

Fred Barker was released from the Kansas State Penitentiary on March 30, 1931, and Karpis was released on May 31, 1931. Karpis and Fred Barker then joined Kate "Ma" Barker at the home of Herbert A. Farmer at Joplin, Missouri. Farmer has been sentenced to serve a two year sentence for conspiracy

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to obstruct justice in connection with the Kanno Case. It was at Herbert Farmer's home that Karpis learned to know such notorious characters as Frank Nash, Vernon C. Miller, Francis Keating, Thomas Holden, Harvey Bailey, Charles Harawa and others.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was delivered to the Police Department at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. On September 10, 1931, he was sentenced to serve four years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on a charge of burglary. On the same date the court paroled him.

On December 18, 1931, Karpis and Fred Barker robbed a store at West Plains, Missouri, and on December 19, 1931, as they were being approached by Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains for questioning concerning this robbery, Karpis shot and killed the Sheriff. Fred Barker and Karpis then fled, leaving their car at a home occupied by William Weaver at Thayer, Missouri. Weaver, Fred Barker and Karpis thereupon fled to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they lived with Kate "Ma" Barker and her paramour, A. W. Dunlop. At this time Karpis became acquainted with Harry Sawyer and Jack Pfeiffer. At Jack Pfeiffer's place Karpis learned to know Fred Goetz, alias "Shotgun" Zeigler.

On April 25, 1932, Karpis, Fred Barker, Kate Barker and A. W. Dunlop escaped from a police trap in St. Paul. On the following morning the nude and bullet-ridden body of A. W. Dunlop was found on the shores of Lake Frensted near Webster, Wisconsin. A blood-stained woman's glove was found near the body. Although there is no proof, it is popularly believed that Dunlop was murdered by Kate and Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis, in the feeling that he had "tipped off" members of the gang to the St. Paul Police.

Karpis, Fred Barker and Kate Barker then fled to Kansas City, Missouri, where they took residence in the fashionable Country Club Plaza district. Here they gathered together a group of nationally known gangsters which, on June 17, 1932, robbed the Fort Scott, Kansas, bank. The following persons participated:

Fred Barker  
Alvin Karpis  
Francis Keating  
Thomas Holden  
Harvey Bailey  
Larry De Vol  
Bernard Phillips

On July 7, 1932, Keating, Holden and Bailey were arrested by Bureau Agents and Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, peace officers on the Old Mission Golf Course. Karpis, Fred Barker and Kate Barker immediately departed from their Kansas City apartment, proceeding to St. Paul, Minnesota. They took quarters on White Bear Lake, a well known summer resort. Here they

were joined by Helen Ferguson and her paramour, Earl Christman, who later died of wounds received in the robbery of the Fairbury National Bank, Fairbury, Nebraska.

After the release of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis from the Kansas State Penitentiary, they hired Jack Glynn, a private detective and former Chief of Police of Leavenworth, Kansas, to secure the release of Doc Barker and Volney Davis, who had been sentenced to life imprisonment in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on the charge of murder. Doc Barker was released on a conditional pardon on September 10, 1932. On November 3, 1932, the release of Volney Davis was effected in the same manner. Doc Barker and Davis immediately joined the others at St. Paul, Minnesota.

On December 16, 1932, the following persons participated in the robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis, Minnesota:

Alvin Karpis  
Doc Barker  
Fred Barker  
William Weaver  
Larry De Vol  
Verne Miller  
Jess Doyle

In this robbery two officers and one civilian were killed. Larry De Vol was arrested, whereupon the gang fled to Reno, Nevada, where members of the Karpis-Barker crowd had contact with William J. Graham and James C. McKay. You will recall that Graham and McKay have been considered the contacts for members of the Dillinger gang also.

This gang returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, during February, 1933. On March 4, 1933, their presence was reported by the manager of their apartment, but before a police raid could be staged, Gladys Sawyer had warned Jess Doyle, Karpis and Fred Barker. The gang then met at Harry Sawyer's saloon and departed for Chicago, Illinois.

Using Chicago as a headquarters, the gang planned and executed the robbery of the Fairbury National Bank at Fairbury, Nebraska, on April 4, 1933, the following persons participating:

Alvin Karpis  
Fred Barker  
Doc Barker  
Volney Davis  
Eddie Green  
Frank Nash  
Earl Christman  
Jess Doyle

Christman was wounded in this robbery and later died at the home of Vernon C. Miller at 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

After this robbery Karpis and the gang frequented the road house of Louis Cernocky at Fox River Grove, Illinois, a rendezvous equally sinister to that provided by Harry Sawyer in St. Paul. On June 15, 1933, Karpis and his gang kidnaped William Hamm, Jr., releasing him on June 19, 1933, after the payment of a ransom of \$10,000. Our best information is to the effect that the Hamm abduction was effected by:

Alvin Karpis  
Doc Barker  
Fred Barker  
Fred Goetz  
Charles Fitzgerald  
Byron Bolton

It has been intimated that this ransom money was disposed of through the gambling houses of Graham and McKay in Reno, Nevada.

On August 30, 1933, the Stockyards National Bank of South St. Paul, Minnesota, was robbed, in which robbery two police officers were shot. Bessie Green has advised that this "job" was "pulled" by Karpis, the Barkers, and her husband, Eddie Green. It will be recalled that C. J. Fitzgerald is alleged to have been shot in this robbery; that the machine gun taken from Doc Barker in Chicago, Illinois, on January 8, 1935, was identified as having been stolen from Officer Yeoman during this robbery, and that the "getaway" chart for this robbery was found in the apartment of Fred Barker in Cleveland, Ohio, during September, 1934.

During December, 1933, plans were formulated in the apartment of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, for the abduction of Bremer. Harry Sawyer "fingered" Bremer for the crowd. Bremer was kidnaped at about 8:45 A.M. on January 17, 1934, at the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues in St. Paul. Two automobiles were used and Byron Bolton reports that the following persons were active participants:

Fred Barker  
Alvin Karpis  
Doc Barker  
Harry Campbell  
William Weaver

According to statements made by Karpis and Campbell to Elmer Farmer, Karpis and Campbell are the actual abductors who entered Bremer's car and beat him over the head. Bremer was held in the Bensenville, Illinois, hide-out until February 7, 1934, when he was released at Rochester, Minnesota. Karpis actually



drove Bremer to the hide-out, acted as a guard during Bremer's confinement, purchased flashlights and batteries at the Grand Silver Store in St. Paul, and returned Bremer to Rochester.

Thereafter Karpis and the gang moved to Toledo, Cleveland, and Sandusky, Ohio, where they spent the summer of 1934. Karpis was accompanied by his paramour, Dolores Delaney.

On September 5, 1934, Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette were arrested in Cleveland, Ohio. It is interesting to note that Karpis, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell had secured their apartments and other accommodations in Cleveland, Ohio through Arthur Hebebrand and Jimmy Patton, the latter two persons being the owners and proprietors of the rental agency through whom these apartments were secured. Immediately upon the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette, Hebebrand/Patton having contacts with the Cleveland Police Department, were immediately advised of said arrests and promptly informed members of the gang. Thereafter Karpis and his associates fled to Bensenville, Illinois. At this point Elmer Farmer arranged for a safe rendezvous for these persons at Kahn's Tourist Camp located near Elmhurst, Illinois. Karpis and his associates remained at said tourist camp for approximately a week, then proceeded to Miami, Florida, spending much time in Miami and Havana, Cuba, where Harry Sawyer, William J. Harrison and Cassius McDonald were already engaged in exchanging large blocks of Bremer ransom money in Havana. Immediately upon hearing of the shooting episode at Oklawaha, Florida, where Kate and Fred Barker were killed by Agents while resisting arrest, Karpis, Campbell, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette fled to the Danmoor Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where they were routed by Atlantic City Police officers on January 20, 1935, effecting their escape in a stolen car after a gun battle. Karpis and Campbell abandoned the stolen car on the following morning near Quakertown, Pennsylvania, where they commandeered the car of Dr. H. H. Hunsicker, forcing Hunsicker to accompany them over country roads until they reached Guilford Center, Ohio, at about 9:50 P.M. They bound Dr. Hunsicker hand and foot, leaving him in a building nearby. The car of Dr. Hunsicker was found abandoned with the motor running on the morning of January 22, 1935, about fourteen miles north of Toledo, Ohio.

On January 22, 1935, Karpis was indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, charged in one indictment with the substantive offense of kidnaping and in the second indictment with conspiracy to kidnap.

On September 27, 1935 Karpis and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang were again indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, charging them with conspiracy to kidnap, said conspiracy existing between September 15, 1933 and January 15, 1935.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 8, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: BREKID  
William Elmer Mead

About 3:20 P. M. July 7, 1936, in keeping with your instructions I telephonically communicated with Mr. J. L. Flood, who is acting in charge of the Omaha Office. I advised him the Bureau had received information from the Chicago Office indicating Charles O. Long and Mrs. Mead had talked to William Elmer Mead on the phone at 9:30 P. M. on the night of July 6, 1936; that Mead had requested Long to meet him at the Fontenelle Hotel at Omaha, Nebraska between 10:00 A. M. and noon of July 8, 1936; that informant Long was willing to go to Omaha and meet Mead but desired to be apprehended with him in order that he, Long, might be properly protected; that Long stated there was a possibility Mead would be at some hotel other than the Fontenelle.

I further advised Mr. Flood the Chicago Office had informed the Bureau that very discreet shadowing would be necessary and that the Chicago Office had requested authority to advance expenses for the informant to travel to Omaha; that the Bureau had granted such authority and had further granted authority for an Agent to accompany Long to Omaha, so that the Agent of the Chicago Office, who is familiar with Long, could point out Long to the Agents of the Omaha Office who will be requested to take Mead into custody.

At the time of this call Mr. Flood advised me he had obtained similar information through a telephone conversation with Mr. Johnson who is acting in charge of the Chicago Office. Mr. Flood also advised that Agent V. E. Criss of the Chicago Office would accompany Long to Omaha and that Criss and Long would leave Chicago at 6:30 P. M. on July 7, 1936 and would arrive in Omaha at 7:20 A. M. on July 8, 1936. Flood stated he had arranged to have three Agents board the train at Denison, Iowa, at 4:50 A. M. on July 8, 1936, and that they could thus get in touch with Mr. Criss and make proper arrangements for the surveillance of Long so they would be fully advised when Long made a contact with Mead in Omaha.

In keeping with your instructions I advised Mr. Flood that if Mead is taken into custody, same should be done without any display of

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Mr. Tamm

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firearms or any noise or any publicity; that the Bureau felt Mead's apprehension could be effected without any undue commotion and every effort should be made by Mr. Flood and the Agents working under him to follow Bureau instructions. I further informed Mr. Flood that as soon as Mead is taken into custody Long should likewise be arrested; that Mead should be taken to the Omaha Office where he can be subjected to questioning by our Agents. I requested that he immediately advise the Bureau when Mead is apprehended and also that the Bureau be advised if the plan for the apprehension of Mead falls through on July 8, 1936.

I further advised Mr. Flood that after the Bureau finished questioning Mead we will have to turn him over to the Postal Inspectors, who desire his apprehension in connection with an indictment which was returned against him several years ago in Florida. Mr. Flood stated he would follow these instructions and would advise the Bureau immediately of any developments in this matter.

On the morning of July 8, 1936, I conversed with Special Agent in Charge Ladd of the Chicago Office who is here at the Bureau for the SAC Conference. He advised Agent Criss is under orders to proceed to Washington for retraining school which will begin on Monday morning, July 13, 1936. I stated if there are any interesting developments relative to Mead it might be advisable to issue instructions to Criss to disregard his previous instructions which relate to retraining and to continue his investigation with reference to the Mead matter. Obviously we can delay decisions as to this until we are apprised of the developments in Omaha.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

K. R. McIntire.

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

July 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

As requested in your letter of July 6, 1936, I  
am enclosing herewith the most recent photographs  
of the following individuals:

Alvin Karpis  
Harry Campbell  
Jimmy Wilson  
Paula Harmon  
Edna Murray  
"Doc" Barker  
Myrtle Eaton

Dolores Delaney  
Wynona Burdette  
Fred Barker  
Volney Davis  
"Slim" Gibson  
"Bill" Weaver  
Ollie Berg

Very truly yours,

LJM  
enc.

cc - Bureau

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

516 Security Building  
Phoenix, Arizona

July 5, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 21, 1936, (7-576) in which is set forth a letter forwarded to the Bureau by the New Orleans Police Department, which had been received by that organization from one Ben Kratzberg, Deputy Sheriff, Bowie, Arizona, relative to the above entitled case.

Mr. Ben Kratzberg, Deputy Sheriff, Cochise County, Arizona, was interviewed at Bowie, Arizona, on June 28, 1936, by Special Agent W. H. Osborne and stated that a short time before he directed the above mentioned letter to the Police Department at New Orleans, Louisiana, three strangers came to Bowie, driving a Ford Coupe bearing 1936 Texas license plates 336365, and that due to their suspicious actions, he immediately surmised that they were connected with some large gang. Mr. Kratzberg stated that these parties were in an intoxicated condition when they arrived in Bowie and that his attention was first attracted to them on account of their loud and boisterous talk.

Mr. Kratzberg stated that after observing these parties for a short time, he noticed one of the men go into the telephone office and that, as he wished to ascertain whom they might be endeavoring to contact by telephone, he followed this party into the telephone office and heard him place a call to number 844 at New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Kratzberg stated that he endeavored to overhear this conversation and that due to the fact that this party was obviously trying to prevent anyone in the telephone office from hearing the conversation and as he was mumbling his words, he gained the impression that this party was carrying on a code conversation with the person with whom he was talking at New Orleans. Mr. Kratzberg stated that the only portion of the conversation that he overheard was to the

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effect that the party talking from Bowie had met up with a friend whose wife was pregnant and that, as he felt that she (party in New Orleans) would like these people, he would like for her to take care of his friend's wife following the birth of the child. Mr. Kratzberg stated that from the nature of this conversation and due to the fact that the person placing the call conversed with a person named Ruth, he assumed that this was a code conversation with a female confederate at New Orleans, Louisiana, relative to the kidnaping of some child, and had, therefore, endeavored to obtain information through the New Orleans Police Department as to the identity of the person at telephone number 844.

Mr. Kratzberg stated that these three men remained in Bowie overnight and that the following morning one of his friends observed these men in a local restaurant and saw one of them drop a Western Union telegram, which was promptly recovered by Mr. Kratzberg's informant and turned over to him. This telegram was exhibited to agent and was addressed "T. J. Galligher, will call Ritz Hotel, Wilmington, California", and stated that "The money order paid you herewith is from Mrs. T. J. Galligher at New Orleans". Mr. Kratzberg stated that this telegram was the basis for his inquiry as to the identity of T. J. Galligher at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. Kratzberg further stated that all three of the men were very nicely dressed and on the whole made very good appearances but that one of the party used considerable profanity and was obviously the leader. Mr. Kratzberg advised that the person who used considerable profanity was the person who made the call to New Orleans and that based on the above information it was his opinion that these parties were connected with some criminal gang. Mr. Kratzberg's opinion was based largely on the fact that the person placing the call to New Orleans had endeavored to keep him from overhearing the conversation that he was having.

It was also ascertained from Mr. Kratzberg that this party inadvertently failed to have his call reversed to the number called at New Orleans and that it was necessary for him to bring this party back to the telephone office and make arrangements for the call to be charged to the telephone at New Orleans and that in this way Mr. Kratzberg stated the party had become rather angry, and it had been necessary to threaten to place him in jail in order to get him quiet.

In accordance with Bureau letter of May 21, 1936, Mr. Kratzberg was not advised of the results of the investigation conducted

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at New Orleans to establish the identity of T. J. Gallagher nor was he advised that there was no such telephone number as 844 at that point. However, Mr. Kratzberg was advised that this Bureau appreciated his interest in the matter and that the information he had furnished would be thoroughly checked to determine whether the above mentioned parties had in fact been involved in any criminal activities in which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

WHO:MC

cc - Cincinnati  
Chicago (E. J. Connelley)



August 6, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward  
George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 12, 1936, reflecting an investigation conducted by your office on the basis of information furnished by Ben Kratzberg, Deputy Sheriff, Bowie, Arizona, relating to the location of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, Louisiana, prior to his apprehension on May 1, 1936.

Further reference is made to the Bureau's letter to the Phoenix Office dated May 21, 1936, a copy of which was designated for the New Orleans Office.

In keeping with the request contained in the latter letter, the Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Phoenix Office dated July 5, 1936, a copy of which is being forwarded to you herewith for your information. Copies of the letter from the Phoenix Office are also being forwarded to the Cleveland and St. Paul Offices in view of the fact that copies were not designated for them by the Phoenix Office. No copy is being designated for the Phoenix Office as this information is in its files.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT M. GATES,  
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION.

I am attaching hereto a suggested press release dealing with the apprehension in Omaha, Nebraska today of William Eimer, lead by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 8, 1936.

William Elmer Mead is an international "confidence" man whose criminal record commenced at an early age. He is now about fifty-nine years old. His first major offense occurred on June 30, 1896, when he was arrested by the Police Department at San Diego, California, on the charge of grand larceny. For this offense he was sentenced to serve three years in San Quentin Penitentiary. Upon his release therefrom on January 24, 1899, he showed no disposition to follow the channels of legitimacy. Rather, he consorted with the nation's most notorious confidence men, and for a livelihood resorted once more to lawlessness.

By virtue of his professional criminality Mead has not restricted the sphere of his activities to any particular locality. The nature of his operations made it necessary for him to move frequently. Occasionally when "at grips" with the law he has forfeited bonds, and at other times he has been "given hours to leave town". On December 15, 1922, as one Clark, alias W. Elmer Mead, he was indicted at Jacksonville, Florida, on the charge of using the United States Mails to defraud. On April 2, 1934, Mead posted a \$10,000 bond for his appearance. This bond was later estreated and a capias was issued for his failure to appear.

Mead's operations as a confidence man have been continuous over a period of approximately forty years. The swindles which he and his associates have perpetrated have aggregated many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

On August 24, 1922, as John Henry Foster, Mead was arrested by the Denver, Colorado, Police Department on the charge of investigation and "con man". He was tried and convicted and on June 1, 1923, was sentenced to serve 3 to 20 years in the Colorado State Penitentiary at Cañon City, Colorado. He was released at the completion of his minimum sentence on September 15, 1925.

The international character of his operations is demonstrated by his subsequent arrest when, using the name of Edwin Elza Gaynor, he was arrested on March 24, 1930, by New Scotland Yard, London, England, on the charge of conspiracy. On April 2, 1930 he was sentenced to serve two 6 month sentences at hard labor the sentences to run consecutively. The charge upon which he was convicted was, "attempting to steal by means of confidence trick".

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Returning to the United States Mead continued to practice his confidence tricks upon the unsuspecting. On July 12, 1935, as Charles E. Carter, while endeavoring to swindle a building contractor at Northampton, Massachusetts, he was arrested by the Police Department at that point, and was detained on the charge of unlawful registration of a motor vehicle. On the morning of July 15, 1935, however, with the assistance of friends, Mead was able to post a bond of \$200.00. He promptly forfeited the bond.

Mead has maintained a highly efficient system of criminal contacts throughout the United States. He was the confidant of Louis Piquett, who was recently convicted of harboring and concealing the fugitive Homer Van Meter, a member of the Dillinger Gang. Through Piquett, Mead was introduced to those doctors who performed facial and fingerprint operations on John Dillinger and Homer Van Meter. One of these doctors performed an operation on Mead's fingertips in an unsuccessful effort to obliterate the patterns and prevent identification.

During the course of the investigation relating to the kidnaping of Mr. Edward George Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota, Mead engaged in certain financial transactions which indicated that he would possibly have information concerning the Bremer abduction. Although Mead's apprehension has not been sought as an actual participant in the abduction, efforts have been made to locate him for purposes of questioning in connection with that matter.

William Elmer Mead was apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in Omaha, Nebraska, on July 8, 1936. He is being questioned with reference to certain incidents arising out of the investigation by this Bureau in the Bremer case.



William E. Meade



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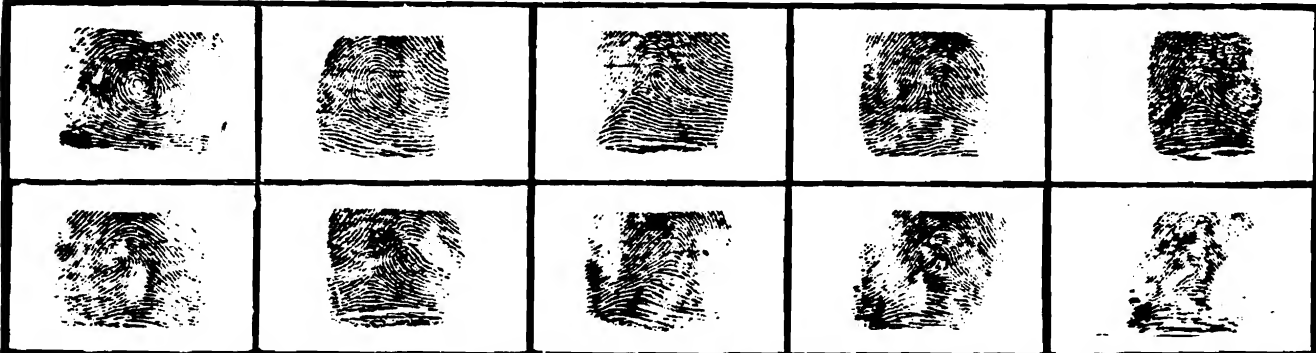
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WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, with aliases: J. W. REED, JOHN HENRY FOSTER, EDWIN ELZA GAYNOR, CHARLES E. CARTER, G. C. CHASE, J. W. BARKER, J. H. PARKER, "CHRIST KID", E. E. LAIRD, EDWARD E. GAYNOR, C. CHASE, JOHN J. MEADOWS, WILLIAM E. REED, "JUDGE", J. W. REED, one FULLER, one CLARK, C. L. LANE, C. E. CHARLES, FRANK TAYLOR, DR. JOHN P. CARVER, WILLIAM E. MEAD, WILLIAM E. MEADE, J. C. WALTERS, J. W. PARKER, WILLIAM MEADE, ELMER W. MEAD, FRANK F. TAYLOR, JOHN H. FOSTER, W. ELMER MEAD.

WANTED FOR QUESTIONING



DESCRIPTION

Age, 34 years (1901); Height, 5'10 to 11"; Weight, 150 lbs; Build, slender; Complexion, medium; Hair, grey (partially bald); Mustache, grey; Eyes, blue (occasionally wears eyeglasses); Nationality, American; Occupation, confidence man; Peculiarities, speaks with a querulous voice, frequently uses "is't" and double negatives, apparently has worn a toupee, left eye blinks nervously, left shoulder and left side of face partially paralyzed, right corner of mouth is drawn down when speaking; Religion, Catholic; Marital status, married.

RELATIVES

Mrs. Kate Meade, with aliases: "Klondike Kate", Marie Mead, Katherine Mead, "Frisco Kate", Kate Schmidt, Kate Schmitt, "California Kate", Mrs. C. C. Chase, wife, 1533 Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Photograph taken  
July 13, 1935.

Photograph taken  
August 11, 1933.



CRIMINAL RECORD

As William E. Mead, arrested PD, Los Angeles, California, June 30, 1906, for San Diego, California, PD; charge, grand larceny.  
As William Meade, #16947, received San Quentin, California, State Prison on September 24, 1906, to serve 3 years for grand larceny; discharged upon expiration of sentence on January 24, 1909.  
Arrested Los Angeles, California, PD, February 18, 1904; charge, vagrancy; disposition, on February 20, 1904, sentenced 30 days or \$10.00.  
As Elmer W. Mead, #3741, arrested Los Angeles, California, PD, January 22, 1906; charge, pickpocket, theft of \$60.00 from Pullman passenger; disposition, on February 2, 1906, forfeited \$750.00 bond.  
As William E. Mead, arrested Denver, Colorado, PD, #6-1578, on July 9, 1912; charge, grand larceny, shoplifting, bank suspect; given bonds to leave city.  
As J. W. Reed, arrested PD, Miami, Florida, #F-235, on December 18, 1920; charge, suspicious character, (con); no disposition recorded.  
As one Clark, alias W. Elmer Mead, indicted Jacksonville, Florida, December 15, 1922; charge, violation of Section 215 of the Penal Code; \$10,000 bond posted by Mead on April 2, 1934; bond later estreated and capias issued upon his failure to appear.  
As John Henry Foster, on August 24, 1922, arrested PD, Denver, Colorado, #8390; charge, investigation, con man; on June 1, 1923, sentenced to serve 3 to 10 years in the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado.  
As John H. Foster, received St. Paul, Canon City, Colorado, June 3, 1923, under #12127; charge, conspiracy to steal, one count; confidence man, two counts, (concurrently); sentence 3 to 10 years; released at completion of minimum sentence, September 15, 1925, on automatic parole; completely discharged June 4, 1929.  
As Edwin Elza Gaynor, #2196, arrested on March 24, 1930, by New Scotland Yard, London, England; charge, conspiracy; on April 2, 1930, sentenced to serve two 6 month sentences at hard labor, sentences to run consecutively; charge, attempting to steal by means of confidence trick.  
As William E. Meade, #C-51004, arrested PD, Chicago, Illinois, August 11, 1933; charge, general principles (con man); turned over to postal inspectors, Chicago, August 14, 1933.  
As one Clark, #8227, arrested United States Marshal, Chicago, Illinois, on August 15, 1933; charge, mail fraud; released on \$10,000 bond, August 15, 1933, for appearance in Jacksonville, Florida.  
As Charles E. Carter, #9664, arrested SO, Northampton, Mass., July 12, 1935; charge, violation auto laws; released on \$200 bond, July 13, 1935, defaulted bond on July 18, 1935.  
At the time William Elmer Mead, as Charles E. Carter, #9664, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Northampton, Mass., on July 12, 1935, it was ascertained that an attempt had been made to mutilate his fingerprints. In order to facilitate his identification in the event he is arrested by any law enforcement agency this identification order is being distributed.  
Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.  
If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 14, 1936, enclosing photostatic copies of sections of the Toledo News-See for May 7, 1936, upon which were endorsed various comments by an anonymous contributor of this newspaper to the Bureau.

In the above mentioned letter the Bureau requested that an investigation with reference to the comments endorsed on the newspaper be handled expeditiously and that the Bureau be advised at the earliest possible date. At this time the Bureau has not been advised as to any action taken in the matter. It is therefore requested that you give this your preferred attention and advise the Bureau in the premises without further delay.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc - St. Paul.  
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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
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Office of  
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*City of St. Louis*  
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*Franklin Miller*

*Circuit Attorney*

*Municipal Courts Building*

July 8, 1936.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

You will recall on December 9, 1935 I wrote you  
a letter regarding the file on the late William J. Harrison.

It is my understanding that at the present time  
all the cases in connection with the Bremer kidnapping have  
been disposed of. The Harrison family is experiencing  
difficulties with the Pacific Mutual Insurance Company  
against whom they have a claim on a policy held by that com-  
pany on the deceased.

The company's contention is first that there is  
not sufficient proof of death and second that the information  
furnished by your department to the newspapers, etc., was  
merely a ruse to endeavor to learn the whereabouts of Har-  
rison, therefore, if it is possible, at this time, for you  
to allow me to have any additional information that might  
clarify the situation, I shall be grateful for it.

I make this request, since, in your letter of  
December 14, 1935 you stated that you had further information  
that you could not disclose due to the fact that the prose-  
cution of several cases was still pending.

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Thanking you for your co-operation, I remain

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Yours very sincerely,

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*Henry W. Simpson*  
Assistant Circuit Attorney.

HWS:MG

See: 7-576-8419  
Edw. G. Bremer

July 31, 1936

**7-476-12256**

Mr. Henry T. Simpson,  
Assistant Circuit Attorney,  
Municipal Courts Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

**Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim -  
Kidnaping**

Dear Elvi

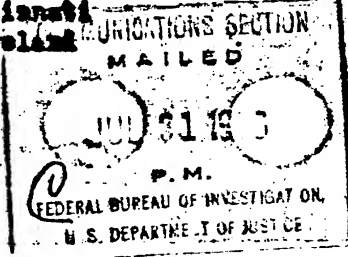
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 8, 1936, in which you request additional information regarding the proof of death of one William J. Harrison.

In my letter of December 14, 1935, I furnished to you all of the information which it was possible to disclose concerning the death of Harrison. I regret to advise you that there are numerous other prosecutions pending in this case for which reason it is not now possible to furnish you any more definite information in the premises.

Very truly yours,

**John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.**

cc-St. Louis  
St. Paul  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland



*Eufon*

July 9, 1936

Time: 12:05 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: William Elmer Mead.

Mr. Turner of the United Press telephoned and stated they had received a message from their Omaha office saying that a report had been made to me on Mead and they wished to know if anything is going to be said about it. I stated that we had been questioning Mead since his arrest but no comment will be made at this time. I stated that Mead is to be arraigned today at which time he will be turned over to the Post Office Inspectors who want Mead for a mail fraud case. I stated that we wanted Mead for interrogation relative to a number of Bureau cases; that as soon as he was arrested the Post Office Inspectors had been notified; that the mail fraud charge I believed was in Florida; that this was something over which the Bureau had no jurisdiction. I stated that we were not at this time planning to secure any indictments against Mead in connection with the cases in which the Bureau is interested; that the other Federal charge will keep him in custody.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
Washington Field Office, Room 5252,  
Washington, D. C.

July 8, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Cincinnati Bureau Office dated July 3, 1936, requesting that the fingerprints of veteran Walter R. Armstrong be secured from the War Department and compared with the fingerprints of Dr. Joseph F. Moran, a subject in the above entitled case, to ascertain whether Armstrong is identical with Dr. Moran, as indicated in letter of reference; also, that a copy of veteran Armstrong's fingerprints be placed in the files of the Identification Division in order that Armstrong might be located and interviewed to ascertain whether he is identical with one Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston, as set out in reference letter.

It has been ascertained from the files of the War Department that the Army serial number of the veteran, Walter R. Armstrong, is [REDACTED]

The Bureau is respectfully requested to secure the fingerprints of veteran Armstrong from the War Department, as requested by the Cincinnati Office.

Very truly yours, .

*J. M. Keith*  
J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Cincinnati  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 8, 1936, requesting that the fingerprints of veteran Walter E. Armstrong, Army Serial [REDACTED] be secured from the War Department and compared with the fingerprints of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, a subject in the above-entitled case, to ascertain whether Armstrong is identical with Dr. Moran.

The fingerprints of Walter E. Armstrong, Army Serial [REDACTED] were obtained from the War Department and searched through the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau and found to be identical with the fingerprints of Walter E. Armstrong, alias Eugene C. McArthur, alias Dr. Robert Carville Orniston, #FBI-750342, a copy of whose original record as reflected by the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau is enclosed herewith on which there is included the War record of this individual. The fingerprints of Walter E. Armstrong, with aliases, #FBI-750342, were compared with the fingerprints of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and found not to be identical.

A check of the files of the Veterans Administration shows the following address for this subject when he made application for bonus bonds: "P. O. Box 735, Wilmington, Del."

A fingerprint card was received in the Bureau on July 15, 1936, on Walter E. Armstrong, alias Dr. Robert Carville Orniston, reflecting the fingerprints of Armstrong to have been taken at the Philadelphia office of the Bureau on July 7, 1936, which were found to be identical with the fingerprints of Walter E. Armstrong, with aliases, #FBI-750342.

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MAILED Very truly yours,  
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P. M. John Edgar Hoover,  
DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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July 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau observes that you are in possession of information to the effect that Miss Lella Armstrong, the sister of Walter E. Armstrong, alias Dr. Robert Carville Craiston, is presently located in La Porte, Indiana.

It is desired that you arrange for an immediate interview with Miss Armstrong in an effort to learn the location of her brother Walter E. Armstrong, who has at times been alleged to be identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

The Bureau wishes to be advised as to the results of this interview immediately. All possible information as to the location of Walter Armstrong should be obtained from his sister.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Paul  
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Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-7-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-2-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J.L. FALLON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232 et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>Thelma Holst questioned at the Philadelphia Bureau Office and relates she was acquainted with Doc Barker, Jimmy Wilson and Slim Gibson, Wynona Burdette and Edna Murray; also related that Mildred Kuhlman Clark was her girl friend and that she traveled with Doc Barker from Toledo, Ohio, to Chicago, Ill. Thelma Holst denies that she knew that the members of the mob were actually wanted, thinking that they were in Toledo, Ohio, in connection with strike breaking; cannot give any direct information as to the activities of the Karpis-Barker gang connecting police officials in Toledo or any other cities nearby.</p>			
REFERENCE:		Letter from Cleveland Office to Cincinnati Office dated June 16, 1936.	
DETAILS:		<p><u>AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.</u>  Thelma Holst, 8017 Frankford Avenue, was questioned by Special Agents A. Schroeder, M. Chaffetz, and the writer, at the Philadelphia Office, where the following information was elicited as to her past:</p>	
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*Rabbit's Murray*

She claimed she was born at Rossford, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo, Ohio, on March 9, 1902, attended public schools at Toledo and graduated from high school. Her immediate family consists of two sisters and one brother, viz: Rene Holst and Madeline Holst/Angus, and Doc Holst, who is now with the "Toledo Bee" Newspaper, in the capacity of sports writer; that after her graduation from high school she worked as a waitress at several places in and about Toledo; that she has been married on three different occasions, first in 1919 to one John Davis who, at the present time, is residing in Cleveland, Ohio; that she obtained divorce in 1921 from this individual and married Claude Roof in 1922, divorcing this individual who, at the present time, is a real estate operator in Detroit, Michigan, in 1926, and was re-married in 1928 to Charles Townes, deceased, he having passed away in Los Angeles, California, in an aeroplane accident; that she had been working in Stauffer's Restaurant in Detroit and during the year 1931 resided in Toledo, Ohio, and lived at various apartments throughout the city, using the same for her bootlegging activities. She informed that Bert Angus married her sister, Madeline Holst, about three years ago and that they lived at the Burdella Apts. at Collingswood and Cherry Streets, Toledo, Ohio; that it was during this time that she met several of Angus' friends through her sister's connections; that later she moved to the Jarvis Apts., where she had been living with a girl friend named Mildred Kuhlman, also known as Mildred Clark; that she and Mildred Clark carried on a bootlegging affair in the Jarvis Apts. and sold liquor and also home brew. She claims that during her connections with Mildred Clark she became acquainted with the following individuals: A party whom she knew as Doc Barker, Jimmy Wilson, Slim Gibson, and Willie Harrison, Wynona Burdette, and a girl they called "Rabbita," who, of course, is Edna Murray. She was questioned closely as to whether Edna Murray had an apartment in the Burdella place and she denied ever seeing Volney Davis or Edna Murray in this particular apartment. She does not know of Doc Barker renting an apartment under the name of H.J. Morley in the same apartment house. She was questioned as to whether she ever rented an apartment for any individuals through the intercession of her sister and she denied this most emphatically; also as to the purchasing of any furniture or other things for any members of the Karpis gang.

It will be remembered in questioning Miss Holst that Mildred Kuhlman's name was not mentioned by any of the agents of the Philadelphia Office but upon Miss Holst's apprehension at her apartment at 3017 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., she requested to know why she was being asked to accompany agents to the Philadelphia Office and in return was told that she was going to be questioned as to her activities in Toledo, Ohio, before her departure from said city, and she stated

"Oh, I know the reason now. You want to know about my girl friend Mildred, whom I was living with in Toledo. Well, I have not seen her for over a year as I left Toledo, Ohio, in March 1935, coming to Philadelphia." No other mention was made of Mildred Kuhlman to Miss Holst on any other occasion by the agents of the office. She further related that in the latter part of 1934 she was employed in Toledo, Ohio, by the Autolite Company of Toledo as a soldering girl; further that her mother was a newspaper reporter and her father was a doctor. She was questioned vigorously as to her connection with the Angus brothers and could give no definite information, stating she has not been in contact with these individuals for the past eighteen months. She was also questioned as to whether she was ever in the Casino Club when her sisters pointed out Arthur Barker or Alvin Karpis and denied this although she admitted she had been to this place with Jimmy Wilson and Slim Gibson on various occasions. As to her visits to this night club she could not give the dates or who accompanied her with the exception of Jimmy Wilson and Slim Gibson.

In the summary report of Special Agent D.E. Hall, dated Detroit, Mich., April 27, 1935, page 9, it is set out that Doc Barker and Russell Gibson are alleged to have visited the apartment of Thelma and Rene Holst on Christmas morning, December 25, 1934. As to this particular instance Thelma Holst advised on that particular Christmas morning she had walked 18 miles, leaving her home in Toledo about 2 A.M., and at 11 A.M. arrived about 4 miles South of Monroe, Ohio, going to the home of Earl Wilson. Her reason for doing this was that she had a difference with her boy friend, Al Wilson, who is no relative to Jimmy Wilson, according to Thelma Holst.

Miss Holst could give no information as to Joe Roscoe, who operates the 42nd Street Cafe in Toledo, making a contact with Campbell or Karpis after their shooting affair in Atlantic City, N.J. She claims she is acquainted with George Sargeant but had never been in his company, socially or otherwise. She denies that Mildred Kuhlman ever gave her any information as to the activities of the Karpis-Barker gang, stating that Mildred Kuhlman left her company when she was living at 3387 Collingswood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, in the latter part of 1934, going to Chicago with Doc Barker; that after she arrived in Chicago she received a letter from her with no return address thereon, the contents of the letter being that she (Miss Holst) should retain the apartment at 3387 Collingswood Ave., and she (Mildred Kuhlman) would send her the money to help defray the expense. She also received a telegram from her to the effect there was \$28.00 in a bathing suit in Mildred's effects in the apartment at 3387 Collingswood Ave., and she (Miss Holst) was to use this for the expense of the apartment; that after Mildred Kuhlman

had been released in Chicago she returned to Toledo, Ohio, which was in the winter of 1935, and at that particular time Mildred Kuhlman had an expensive fur coat in her possession and she (Miss Holst) wondered where she had gotten same.

As to the report of Special Agent C.E. Smith, Cleveland, dated Sept. 5, 1935, page 3, she was questioned as to Harry Bender who flew ~~Ray~~ to Chicago at the time of the Barker trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, and stated she did not know anything about this as she was at that time in Philadelphia, Pa.

On further questioning her agents tried to ascertain whether she had received any communication from her sister in St. Paul and she replied in the negative.

As to the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, dated October 17, 1935, pages 40 and 43 inclusive, which quotes Edna Murray as stating that the Angus brothers and Thelma and Rene Holst knew the true identity of the gang and called the members by their common names, she stated that she knew the members' names with the exception of Karpis and Campbell, but as to whether they were members of the Karpis gang she denied this, claiming they were known to her as strike breakers from Chicago as there was a strike in Toledo at that time in the automobile factories. She denied knowing Captain George Tinsney of the Toledo Police Department or any of the gang associating with him at the Gasino Club.

*Shorty Barker*

Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, February 6, 1936, at Chicago, Ill., reflects that Wynona Burdette stated that shortly after Madeline Angus was released from St. Vincent's Hospital, which was on June 18, 1934, Wynona Burdette, Edna Murray, Rene and Thelma Holst, visited Madeline in her apartment in the Burdella Apts., Collingswood & Cherry Sts., Toledo, Ohio, and at which place Thelma Holst was supposed to have picked up a detective magazine containing a lineup of wanted criminals and showed it to Edna Murray known to Thelma Holst as "Rabbits" and asked "Isn't this Shorty and Ray?" She claims she does not remember this incident although she clearly remembers her sister was at St. Vincent's Hospital on the date mentioned and that Edna Murray and Rene would visit her, but she could not state who "Shorty and Ray" happened to be, although she knew Doc Barker as "Shorty," and when a picture was placed before her she readily recognized the picture of Doc Barker as "Shorty", whom she knew as the boy friend of her girl friend, Mildred Kuhlman.

She denied telling any of the custodians of the Jarvis Apts. that Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Nelson, aliases of Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell, were employed as waiter and waitress at the Casino Club. She claims that the custodians at the Jarvis Apts. were one Young and a colored man by the name of Jones.

Miss Holst at the present time is employed as a waitress at Kelly's Sea Food House, 15th & Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., she having entered this employment on April 7, 1935, and stating she arrived in Philadelphia on March 18th after being requested to do so by a girl friend who, at the present time, is employed as a waitress in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, Pa., and whose first name is Helen. She refused to divulge the last name of this particular girl friend.

When accosted in her apartment at 3017 Frankford Avenue, a .32 cal. Harrington Revolver fully loaded and a black-jack were near her table in a bedroom. When questioned as to where she obtained these she claimed that Harold Elliott of the Toledo Police Department had given her the gun in a trade, and also the black-jack. The number on the gun is not legible, and she made the request that same be sent to the Bureau's Laboratory in an effort to trace same. Accordingly SAC Vetterli stated her request would be complied with. Her fingerprints were taken on July 2nd and forwarded to the Bureau.

The following description was obtained from inquiry and personal observations:

Correct Name:	Thelma Holst
Born:	March 9, 1902, Rossford, Ohio
Height:	5' 1"
Weight:	124 pounds
Hair:	red
Build:	medium
Eyes:	brown
Complexion:	ruddy
Occupation:	waitress
Criminal Record:	claims never arrested
Present address:	3017 Frankford Ave., Phila. Pa.
Relatives:	Sister-Madeline Angus, 2447 Barden Ave., Toledo, Ohio; Brother-Doc Holst c/o Toledo Bee Newspaper, Toledo, Ohio.

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Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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PHONE. BREKID. WILLIAM ELMER MEAD DELIVERED TWO THIRTY PM TODAY BY AGENTS OF OMAHA BUREAU OFFICE IN CHARGE OF AGENT FLOOD, TO THE OFFICE OF U S COMMISSIONER MARY MULLEN, OMAHA, WHERE MEAD TURNED OVER TO DEPUTY US MARSHAL YOUNG AND POST OFFICE INSPECTOR VERNON BATIE. MEAD IMMEDIATELY ARRAIGNED ON INDICTMENT RETURNED JACKSONVILLE NINETEEN TWENTY TWO. ENTERED PLEA NOT GUILTY AND BOND SET AT FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN LIEU OF WHICH HE WAS CONFINED IN COUNTY JAIL OMAHA. USA VOTAVA, OMAHA, REQUESTS HEARING BE SET FOR ELEVENTH INSTANT ON WHICH DATE CERTIFIED PAPERS FOR MEADS REMOVAL TO JACKSONVILLE WILL ARRIVE.

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*Edward J. Brennan*

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/9/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/3-6/36	REPORT MADE BY TOM E. NEAL TEN:IJ
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Records of War Department, Washington, D. C., reflect Walter Raymond Armstrong, Army Serial #1087024, enlisted 8/22/17 and discharged 11/27/18. Records of Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., show compensation #C-1350708 as case file number of veteran Walter Raymond Armstrong. Veteran Armstrong applied for bonus January 30, 1936, and gave his address as [REDACTED].</p> <p>[REDACTED] care of [REDACTED] Veterans file reflects bonds sent to Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., June 15, 1936, to be mailed to veteran at Post Office Box 735, Wilmington, Delaware.</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p style="text-align: right;">Veterans Admin B3 b6</p> </div> </div>			
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<p>Reference: Report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Illinois, dated June 27, 1936, and letter from Cincinnati Office dated July 3, 1936.</p> <p>Details: At Washington, D. C.:</p> <p>The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. P. Burruss:</p> <p>Agent Burruss contacted Mr. Dulin of the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, and secured the following information as reflected in the Army record of one Walter Raymond Armstrong, which indicated that Armstrong</p>			
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enlisted in the Army August 22, 1917, and at the time of enlistment gave his address as 225 West Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was discharged November 27, 1918. Veteran's Army Serial number is shown by the file to be 1087024. The record further reflects that veteran in 1925 made application with the Veterans Bureau for Adjusted Compensation Bonus and gave his address at that time as 501 Lincoln Bank Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The last address as shown in the file of the War Department was given on September 21, 1935, as being 303 Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Veteran at this time had applied for a certified copy of his discharge which had been lost. The record further indicated that veteran's wife is Mina M. Armstrong, 225 West Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Veteran's address at date of discharge from the Army was shown to be 3376 East Washington Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. His description as set out from his war record shows him to be 5 feet 8 inches tall, blue eyes, dark brown hair and fair complexion.

[redacted], Contact Department of the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., upon interview by the writer produced her records which reflected that compensation #C-1350708 is the case file number of veteran Walter Ray Armstrong. Armstrong's file reflects that he has made several applications for disability allowance, which applications have been turned down in all instances. The file reflected that on October 15, 1930, veteran's case file had been transferred from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Detroit, Michigan, veteran's address being at that time [redacted] in care of [redacted]. The last application made by veteran for disability allowance was on February 20, 1931, at which time veteran gave his address as being the Michigan State Prison, Jackson, Michigan. The record did not show the offense for which Armstrong was incarcerated. Veteran's case file reflects that he made application for his bonus on January 30, 1936, and gave his address at that time as being [redacted] in care of [redacted]. The file further reflects that on June 15, 1936, the bonus bonds were sent to the Treasury Department to be certified and forwarded to [redacted]. The file showed Armstrong's Adjusted Compensation Bonus number to be A 363910, and his Army Serial number as being 1087024.

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On July 6, 1936, the Philadelphia Office was advised by Special Agent R. P. Burruss by long distance telephone that Walter Raymond Armstrong had requested the Veterans Administration to mail his bonus bonds to him at [REDACTED]. It was ascertained from Acting Special Agent in Charge Al Schroeder of the Philadelphia Office that a copy of reference report has been received by that office from the Pittsburgh Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at Wilmington, Delaware, will ascertain from the Post Office Department if Walter Ray (or Raymond) Armstrong is receiving mail at Post Office Box 735, and will make appropriate investigation to ascertain from the Post Office Department and Veterans Administration as to whether Armstrong has received his bonus bonds. Will also ascertain from the Post Office Department whether they have any record of A. L. Van Horn's receiving mail at Post Office Box 735. In the event Armstrong and Van Horn are not receiving mail at this time, will ascertain at the Post Office if they have any forwarding address for these two individuals. In the event that Armstrong is located, will ascertain if he is identical with Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston.

P E N D I N G



Mr Hoover - This is a <sup>very</sup> ~~method~~ <sup>method</sup> writing to one <sup>news</sup> ~~news~~  
in you. but the few that are left  
in the Twin Cities that are for  
the government are rather outnumbered  
by those against it. Every branch of  
the law has its eyes here so this  
is why I am getting direct contact with  
you. First why are all the  
Premier witnesses so suddenly  
dropping off - so mysteriously too.

There is one man who spent several  
years here five years at least.

Who without a doubt is a very  
suspicious & character his name is  
George Hilerman <sup>7-5765-17263</sup>  
came here from the East, openly  
and freely talked bitterly against the  
Gov. and the Rich Americans causing  
Germany's loss in the war. He threatened  
to kill his wife because she told  
"something" he did not want known.

He had plenty of inside information on the Bremers because he lived several years with Mrs. Berkmyer on West Seventh who is connected with the Schmitt Brewery and friends of the Bremers. Was intimate with one Rudy (last name unknown but an instructor at the Vocational School in St. Paul) also intimate with a Mr. Huntington who did live on N. Ogden and a family at the end of Myrtle St off East Carpenter St. This last mentioned family was known to have money secretly hid about the house until about a month ago when they made a secretive trip some distance taking along on the side of their car a batch of nice lumber. - Man: a Carpenter came here from the East in May of the Lindbergh Kidnapping. These people would never leave the house

along until after the Sunday  
of the trip with the lumber. The  
Huntington family accompanied  
them on this trip. There is also  
another man who is closely in  
touch with this family at the end  
of Myrtle - his name is supposed  
to be Milton ~~White~~ and he  
is living with a sister to the one  
on Myrtle St off E. Carpenter. They  
acted most peculiar thru out  
the time of the <sup>Wm. A.</sup> Hamm kidnapping  
had several men around watching a  
highway that could be well viewed from  
a high point in their back yard. They  
have much mysterious running about and  
never seem to have employment. Another  
suspicious character is D. Raverty on Myrtle  
his attorney who lives the third house west of Co  
line on Stillwater Road. And the Gang Dr. is  
Hedberg who had the head liners in the  
papers a few years ago when he was forced  
into being Gang Doctor.

This is not a small Community  
affair but is vicious and deep rooted  
and very bad. They have a Ladies  
Auxiliary which is always willing to do  
their bit and quite good Hi Way Patrolmen  
in the events of looking out for anyone  
spying on their various activities. Some  
members of the "Auxiliary" are appointed  
to spot anyone spying on Tuesday nights  
which seems to be meeting night. Watch  
the neighborhood of E. Carpenter and East  
Ave. and Myrtle St. and some result will  
follow. There may have been some  
kidnapping case mixed in this to  
start but it is now a huge liquor  
racket. They are very cautious now  
but the early morning hours in which  
they get out and the late night hours  
proves they are under suspicion. Geo.  
Hilerman was employed at the Schmidt Brewery  
but just then fear or something better.  
I have just one request Mr. Hoover don't give  
out my name until you investigate. A. E. Rye.

BUY U.S. SAVINGS  
BONDS  
ASK YOUR POSTMASTER



J. Edgar Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.



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## Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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June 27, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

Re: Motion to Suppress Introduction of  
Firearms During Trial of Myrtle Eaton  
at Jacksonville, Florida, June 1 - 3,  
1936.

Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver, together with the members of the Karpis-Barker gang were indicted by the Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1935, charged with having conspired to kidnap and transport in interstate commerce Mr. Edward George Bremer of St. Paul. On February 26, 1936, a Federal Grand Jury at Tampa, Florida, returned two indictments against Myrtle Eaton charging her in one indictment with having conspired with William Weaver to harbor and conceal the said William Weaver, the second indictment charging her in five counts with harboring and concealing William Weaver.

On September 1, 1935, Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were located living in a house in the town of Harbor Oaks, Florida, where they were residing as man and wife, using the name of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Osborne. They were operating a small chicken ranch there. On the same date, to wit, September 1, 1935, Special Agents succeeded in apprehending Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver in the said residence.

The matter against Myrtle Eaton on the charge of having concealed and having conspired to conceal William Weaver came on for trial at Jacksonville, Florida, on June 1, 1936. Before the introduction of the evidence was actually commenced, the defense counsel made a motion to suppress the introduction of numerous firearms and other items of firearms equipment which were found in the home occupied by William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. The allegation was to the effect that the firearms had been illegally obtained; that entrance had been had into the home occupied by Weaver and Eaton illegally and without a search warrant; and that therefore the evidence pertaining to the guns would not be admissible. This motion was overruled by the trial court who stated that the proper

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time to make the objection with regard to the introduction of the firearms was at the time the Government actually sought to introduce them during the course of the trial. The Agents who found the firearms and items of firearms equipment at said home succeeded in introducing these items in evidence over the objection of counsel.

As I have pointed out hereinbefore, Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were both under indictment at the time this raid was conducted; consequently, as you will note, it was not necessary that the investigating and apprehending Agents be equipped with a warrant of arrest or a search warrant. Both Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver were guilty of a felony, and it was proper for Agents to make this arrest and to make the proper search of the premises coincidental with the arrest.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

K. R. McIntire.



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Washington, D. C.

July 9, 1936.

Time - 9:17 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William Elmer Meade.

I discussed telephonically with Mr. Abbaticchio of the Omaha Office the status of the arraignment of the above named subject. I told him to make arrangements with the United States Commissioner and with the United States Attorney to arraign this man this morning; that he should be taken over there by the Bureau Agents, arraigned, and then turned over to the Post Office Inspectors, who might be along if they so desire. I cautioned Mr. Abbaticchio about giving the Post Office Inspectors any detailed information relative to the apprehension of this individual; that all they should be concerned with is the fact that he is now in custody, which is enough for their purposes.

Mr. Abbaticchio said that they are going to question Meade a while longer before they will be ready for the arraignment; that just as soon as they leave the office for the hearing, he will advise the Bureau.

Respectfully,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 9, 1936.

Time - 2:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William Elmer Meade.

Special Agent Flood of the Omaha Office telephoned me and said they are through questioning Meade, and are now ready to arraign him. In accordance with my instructions of this morning, the Bureau Agents will take him over to the hearing, and will there turn him over to the Post Office Inspectors, getting appropriate receipts from the Inspectors as to his personal property, etc.

Mr. Flood said that their questioning of this man failed to elicit any information of value whatever; that he is, of course, a con man and just as clever and foxy as he can be. However, he had in his possession certain false checks and fictitious letters of credit from various places in the United States. While the possession and use of these checks and letters does not constitute a Federal violation within our jurisdiction, photostatic copies of the letters are being made and are being retained in the files of the Bureau for possible future reference.

Respectfully,

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Edward G. Bremer

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 8, 1936.

Time - 11:35 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William Elmer Meade.

I telephoned Special Agent Flood at the Omaha Office and authorized him to release to the newspapers out there at a quarter to twelve our time the facts of the apprehension of Meade by Agents of that office, furnishing to the papers copies of the Identification Order. I told him to state that this man will be questioned concerning the Bremer Case.

I further informed Mr. Flood that you had notified the Post Office Department of the apprehension of this individual, and it is therefore possible that the Post Office Inspectors will be over there in a short time to interview Meade. I told him to allow them to interview Meade, in the presence of an Agent, of course, since after we are through with him, he is going to have to be turned over to the Post Office authorities.

Mr. Flood said that Meade has admitted so far that Dr. Loesser changed his fingerprints by operation.

Respectfully,

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*Handwritten:*  
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U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Building  
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

July 10, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting, under separate cover, .32-calibre Harrington and Richardson gun, which was found in possession of Thelma Holst, who was questioned in connection with the above captioned case.

Miss Holst has requested that this gun be processed for the original numbers, and after the same have been obtained that it be returned to the Philadelphia Office so that it can be returned to her.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*  
R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 1278  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In a letter dated July 6, 1936, the Cleveland Office has requested the Oklahoma City Office to furnish photographs of Mr. and Mrs. John Stover, if available, for use in conducting investigations at Chardon and Youngstown, Ohio, and that the same be forwarded at the earliest possible date.

Inasmuch as the file in this case reflects that Mr. and Mrs. Stover reside at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that all interviews and contacts with him have been made out of the Little Rock Office, this matter is being referred to you in order that you may comply with the request of the Cleveland Office.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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BREKID.

AGENT CRISS AND INFORMANT ARRIVED FROM CHICAGO

ILLINOIS SEVEN TWENTY AM THIS MORNING. BOMAHA BUREAU AGENTS MET

TRAIN AT DENISON IOWA AND INFORMANT WAS KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE FROM

DENISON AND THEREAFTER. INFORMANT REGISTERED PAXTON HOTEL UNDER

AN ALIAS. THE PLANS WERE FOR INFORMANT FOLLOWED BY AGENTS TO PROCEED

TO FONTENELLE HOTEL OMAHA AT NINE FIFTY AM THE INFORMANT AS PREARRANGED

WAS TO INQUIRE OF CLERK OF DOCTOR NILES ASLIAS USED BY WILLIAM

ELMER MEAD IO THIRTEEN FIFTY FOUR. AGENTS FLOOD AND ABBATICCHIO AO

AROUND EIGHT AM WERE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF MANAGER FONTENELLE HOTEL

TO ARRANGE FOR AGENTS TO BE SECRETED IN MOST ADVENTAGEOUS POSITION

TO OBSERVE MEAD AND EFFECT HIS APPREHENSION. AGENTS ABBATICCHIO AND

FLOOD SAW MEAD WALKING NERVOUSLY AROUND HOTEL LOBBY AND LATER SAT

IN A CHAIR NEAR DOORWAY AND FACING STREET EVIDENTLY TO MET

INFORMANT AND PRECLUDE LATTER ASKING FOR HIM AT DESK. AGENTS FLOOD

AND ABBATICCHIO BELIEVED MEAD MIGHT LEAVE AND AS THERE WAS NO

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QUESTION IN AGENTS MIND AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL IT

WAS THOUGHT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO IMMEDIATELY CAUSE HIS

APPREHENSION. MEAD READILY ADMITTED HIS IDENTITY AND HIS

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Confidential informant Edw. S. Brennan

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APPREHENSION WAS EFFECTED QUIETLY WITH NO ONE IN HOTEL AWARE OF IT  
AND FIREARMS WERE NOT DISPLAYED. MEAD OFFERED NO RESISTANCE AND  
WAS UNARMED. APPARENTLY NO ASSOCIATE OF MEAD IS WITH HIM AT OMAHA  
AND HE ADVISED THAT HE ARRIVED IN OMAHA FROM CHICAGO ON THE NIGHT OF  
SEVENTH INSTANT. HE HAD ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS ON HIS  
PERSON ONE HUNDRED SIXTY OF WHICH WAS IN CURRENCY SOWN IN LINING  
OF TROUSERS ABOVE RIGHT HIP. THE EIGHT TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS AND  
FIVE DOLLAR BILL WERE CHECKED AGAINST THE LINDBERG WEYNAP STOLLANAP  
BREKID AND URSCHEL RANSOM LISTS BUT NONE INCLUDED THEREIN. MEADS  
FINGERPRINTS BADLY MUTILATED THREE SETS BEING MAILED BUREAU TONIGHT  
MEAD FRANKLY ADMITS THAT THROUGH LOUIS Piquett AN ART OLEARY  
INVESTIGATOR FOR PIQUETT HE MET DOCTOR WILLIAM LOESER AND HAD THE  
LATTER CHANGED HIS FINGERPRINTS AT LOUISVILLE HOTEL LOUISVILLE KY IN  
MAY NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. THE AGREED PRICE WAS TWO THOUSAND  
DOLLARS BUT MEAD ONLY PAID TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO LOESER. MEAD  
DENIES BEING IMPLICATED IN ANY MANNER IN BREMER CASE. HE IS  
BEING INTERMITTENTLY QUESTIONED CASES BUREAU INTERESTED IN AND  
RELATED MATTERS. MEADS CLOTHES EXCEPT TROUSERS AND UNDERWEAR  
WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY POSSIBLE SUICIDE  
ATTEMPT. HE IS UNDER CONSTANT WATCH OF AN AGENT WHO REMAINS ON GUARD  
DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF DETENTION CELL IN OMAHA OFFICE AND THIS  
PROCEDURE WILL BE CONTINUED AT ALL TIMES UNTIL MEAD IS TURNED OVER  
TO POSTAL INSPECTORS. POSTAL INSPECTOR VERNON BATIE OMAHA  
APPEARED AT THIS OFFICE AROUND NOON TODAY AND ADVISED THAT IN ALL  
PROBABILITY HE WILL WHEN AGENTS ARE THOROUGH QUESTIONING MEAD  
WHICH HE WILL BE TOMORROW FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE LATTER IN  
OMAHA AND EXPECTS TO ADVISE POSTAL INSPECTOR GRAHAM NEW YORK CITY.  
BATIE WHO IS VERY FRIENDLY DOES NOT DESIRE TO QUESTION MEAD.  
HOWEVER HE WAS TOLD HE WOULD BE AFFORDED THIS OPPORTUNITY ANY TIME  
DESIRED. BEFORE TURNING MEAD OVER TO BATIE I SHALL COMMUNICATE

*Mutilation of fingerprints*

WITH BUREAU. MEAD IN HIS TRIP SEVERAL IN  
OF CREDIT UNION AND TRUST COMPANY ST. LOUIS MISSOURI FIVE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS ALL APPARENTLY FRAUDULENT AND USED IN CONFIDENCE  
GAMES. MEAD IS IN GOOD SPIRITS AND STATED TONIGHT HE WAS MOST  
HAPPY IN HIS TREATMENT BY BUREAU AGENTS BUT EXPRESSED A DESIRE  
TO SEE A LAWYER TOMORROW. FROM HIS CONVERSATION MEAD EVIDENTLY  
KNOWS HE IS TO BE TURNED OVER TO POSTAL INSPECTORS ALTHOUGH HE  
WAS NOT ADVISED OF THIS. HE IS ANTAGONISTIC TOWARD POSTAL  
INSPECTOR GRAHAM. NO REPORTER HAS APPEARED AT OFFICE AS AGENT  
FLOOD PERSONALLY CONTACTED <sup>Omaha</sup> THE WORLD HERALD AND OMAHA BEE NEWS NEWS  
PAPERS FOR PRESS RELEASE AS PER AUTHORIZATION MR. TAMM. THE  
NEWS ARTICLES IN LOCAL PAPERS INDICATE MEAD IS BEING HELD IN  
SOME NEARBY CITY TO OMAHA. INSTANT APPREHENSION HEADLINE STORY  
ALL OMAHA PAPERS GIVING BUREAU FULL CREDIT FOR APPREHENSION  
NUMEROUS REQUESTS FROM NEWSPAPER MEN TO PHOTOGRAPH MEAD HAS BEEN  
DENIED. THE OMAHA BEE NEWS HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD GET IN  
CONTACT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON FOR PERMISSION PHOTOGRAPH  
MEAD. END

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Washington, D. C.

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May 27, 1936.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

RE: ~~Motions to Suppress the Signed~~  
~~Statements of Joseph H. Adams~~  
and Henry "Duke" Randall.

On January 29, 1935, at Miami, Florida, Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson and former Special Agent R. L. Jones obtained a signed statement from Joe Adams containing information as to his participation in the harboring and concealing of Alvin Karpis in Miami, Florida. Several statements have been obtained by Agents from Henry "Duke" Randall, and they are set out as follows:

Statement dated January 21, 1935, at Miami, Florida, taken by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson and former Special Agent R. L. Jones.

Statement dated January 25, 1935 at Miami, Florida, taken by Special Agent P. C. Dunne and former Special Agent L. J. Metcalf.

Statement dated January 26, 1935, at Miami, Florida, taken by Special Agent P. C. Dunne and former Special Agent L. J. Metcalf.

Statement dated January 29, 1935, at Miami, Florida, taken by Special Agents F. M. Stone and J. W. Going.

Statement dated February 1, 1935, at Miami, Florida, taken by Special Agents F. M. Stone and J. W. Going.

On April 15, 1936, Bart A. Riley filed in the United States District Court at Miami, Florida, motions to suppress the signed statements obtained from Adams and Randall. The allegation with reference to Adams' statement was that it had been obtained by trickery. The allegation as to "Duke" Randall's statement was that it had been obtained through force, duress, intimidation, the display of guns and unbecoming methods, such as handcuffing Randall to the bed and to the chairs in the room in which he was held, alleging further that he was threatened by Agents, and also alleging that he was confined by Special Agents for a period of approximately five

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days after his arrest before having been taken to a committing magistrate and without a complaint being filed against him.

This matter came up for a hearing before Judge A. V. Long at Miami, Florida, on April 25, 1936, and at that time Judge Long ruled that the question of the manner in which the statements were obtained went to the admissibility of evidence and in view of the fact that he was not going to hear the case when it came on for trial, it was his belief that the entire evidence in the case should be ruled upon by the court who was to hear the entire case. He therefore declined to hear the motions to suppress, and the matter was continued. The trial of Joe Adams and "Duke" Randall has now been set for the September or October term of court at Miami, Florida, at which time it is believed that the defense counsel will again raise the question of the admissibility of these statements.

For your information, it should be stated that during the early afternoon of January 25, 1935, Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson accompanied by former Special Agent R. L. Jones proceeded to the El Comodoro Hotel where they sought the assistance of Joe Adams, the manager thereof, in obtaining certain records disclosing the residence of members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the El Comodoro Hotel during the Fall of 1934 and January 1935. At that time Hanson told Adams that the Agents were checking the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang and were also interested in any connection which Adams may have had with said gang. Special Agent in Charge Hanson explained that it was the duty of the Agents as officers to report everything and to testify to everything that Adams might tell such Agents; that it was his privilege not to talk, but that anything he might say could and would be used in the criminal proceedings against him. Adams then furnished very meager information and was told that the information furnished by him was not credible. He was then requested to put the information in writing, and he informed that he was without experience in matters of this kind; that he did not wish to discuss the matter until he had had the benefit of the advice of an attorney and his friends. This was agreeable to the Agents, and on the following day, January 26, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Hanson and former Special Agent Jones were to meet Adams at 10:00 A. M. but before this hour they received information from Agent Nichols who was at the El Comodoro Hotel making further inquiries that Adams

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desired to see Jones and Hanson immediately, whereupon they drove to the El Comodoro Hotel where they met Adams. Adams thereupon voluntarily accompanied Jones and Hanson to the Halcyon Hotel where Special Agent in Charge Hanson's room was then located. Adams thereupon told Hanson and Jones that he wished to tell everything he knew about Karpis and the Barkers; that he had not told the truth before but that he had now decided to do so; and that "the chips would have to fall where they would". Adams then proceeded to make a full disclosure of his association with the Karpis-Barker gang. Jones and Adams had lunch together on January 26, 1935, and late in the afternoon Adams left to go back to his hotel. At no time was Adams told that he was not going to be arrested. Special Agent in Charge Hanson and former Special Agent Jones returned again that night to the El Comodoro Hotel and inquired of Adams concerning Cassius McDonald. Hanson did not see Adams again until Monday and Tuesday, January 28 and 29, 1935. On these days, Special Agent in Charge Hanson and former Special Agent R. L. Jones arranged to have Adams meet them at the Cortez Hotel. You will note that Special Agent in Charge Hanson had changed his location from the Halcyon Hotel to the Cortez Hotel.

On January 29, 1935, in Special Agent in Charge Hanson's room at the Cortez Hotel Adams completed making an entire statement, whereupon a written statement was prepared. After it had been written, Adams was asked to read it for accuracy. He stated that he had confidence in Special Agent in Charge Hanson and that it would not be necessary for him to read it. Since he declined to read the statement, Hanson read it to him. Adams then suggested that the last two paragraphs be added to the statement whereupon they were added. After Adams had signed the statement on January 29, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Hanson informed Adams that he would have to go over to the United States Commissioner's office and that a warrant had been issued for his arrest. Adams was then given the opportunity to call his father-in-law, Mr. Knight, in order that the bond could be arranged. Hanson, Jones and Adams then proceeded to the office of the Assistant United States Attorney where the hearing was held. Hanson saw Adams on several occasions thereafter at which times Adams never voiced any objections to having given the statement. On or about April 3, 1935, Hanson again saw Adams in the office of the United States Attorney in

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Miami, Florida, whereupon Adams told Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, in Hanson's presence that he, Adams, had told the Agents everything that he knew about the case. Hanson also had occasion to see Adams in St. Paul, Minnesota, during September 1935 and again in January 1936, at which times he made no objections to the manner in which his statement had been obtained.

With reference to the allegation of force, duress, et cetera, in connection with the obtaining of statements from Henry "Duke" Randall, this will advise you that at about 8:00 or 9:00 A. M. on January 21, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Hanson and former Special Agent R. L. Jones, together with two police officers of the Miami Police Department, proceeded to the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida, to the room occupied by Randall and Gregory I. Codomo. Jones and Hanson introduced themselves and explained that they were interested in the Karpis matter and desired to talk to Randall. Randall thereupon gave his permission to the Agents to search the room saying "Go right ahead gentlemen." With reference to the Karpis case, Randall said he had been getting ready to go down and tell the police all about it. Randall was then requested to accompany Jones and Hanson to their hotel room for questioning which he did voluntarily. He stated that it would be "O. K." with him and he would be glad to go along. He was not told that he was under arrest. Randall was not handcuffed at any time during the time that he was being questioned but for security's sake he was handcuffed at the time he was being guarded to prevent his escape. Food was brought to Randall at the Alcazar Hotel which was at this time the headquarters of Special Agent in Charge Hanson, but Randall insisted that he never ate breakfast; consequently the Agents waited until lunch time to provide him with food. At the time he was interviewed, Special Agent in Charge Hanson explained to him that he would not have to make a statement and that anything he might say would be used against him. He was also advised that a complaint would have to be filed. After this information had been furnished him, he willingly furnished Hanson and Jones the information which was later incorporated in his signed statement.

At this time Special Agent in Charge Hanson occupied Room 611 in the Alcazar Hotel. The other Agents had a large number

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of guns which had been brought from Birmingham to assist in the Karpis and Campbell investigation in Miami. These guns had been securely locked in a closet in Room 611 for safe-keeping. At no time was there any unnecessary display of firearms. The Agents carried pocket firearms and frequently took them off, placing them in the dresser drawers for their convenience and comfort but were always alert against leaving them in the open.

Randall having been taken into custody on the morning of January 21, 1935, he was intermittently questioned until about midnight of the same day. He was then permitted to go to sleep. At night time this room was occupied by former Special Agent R. L. Jones. On the morning of January 22, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Hanson again interrogated Randall at the Alcazar Hotel in Room 611. About half an hour later after this interrogation commenced, Randall asked Hanson to take him to a private room where he could tell the whole story. Randall was unemotional during the entire time that he was giving Special Agent in Charge Hanson and R. L. Jones the entire statement. On the morning of January 22, 1935, the Agents had secured a Browning Automatic Rifle which, as you will recall, was left by Willie Harrison at the El Comodoro Hotel and was later delivered to Randall by Joe Adams. Randall thereafter had tried to dispose of the said gun through Merle Wolfe of the Merle Wolfe Armored Truck Service, and it was through this individual that Agents obtained this gun. During the time that the signed statement was being taken from him, the Browning Automatic Rifle was presented to him, and Randall was asked why he had not told the story concerning this gun heretofore. Randall then commenced to cry. This was the only display of emotion on the part of Randall during the entire time statements were being taken from him. This was likewise the only occasion on which a gun was presented to him during his temporary incarceration. When he commenced to cry, he was told that he would not have to make a signed statement but expressed the desire to make such a statement.

When Agents completed their interview with Randall on the first day, namely, January 21, 1935, Hanson told Randall that he could be taken to a jail and a complaint could be filed against him, whereupon Randall stated that he would rather stay with Agents

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and his feeling was that he would be safer with Agents; that he would receive better treatment in the hands of the Agents than in the care of the jail; that he did not desire his name to be in the papers since he did not want his family and friends to learn of his trouble.

Randall's statement was commenced on January 21, 1935, and completed on January 22, 1935. When the statement was completed, he was given an opportunity to read it. He did read it and expressed his understanding of the contents, whereupon he signed it freely and voluntarily.

On January 24, 1935, information was obtained that an unknown airplane carrying men heavily laden with arms had landed in the Everglades near Miami. In the thought that these individuals might be identical with Karpis and Campbell several guns were removed from the closet preparatory to proceeding to the Everglades. These guns were not removed from their cases with but one exception. One of the guns, a .351 caliber Colt rifle, was removed from its case by former Special Agent R. L. Jones for the purpose of examining the firearm to be sure that it was in good working order before it was to be used. It will be remembered that this gun was seized during the raid on the apartment of Russell Gibson in Chicago, Illinois, on the night of January 8, 1935, at which time Gibson was killed. The gun had been altered by a gunsmith making it operate as a machine gun, and for that reason it was closely inspected to be sure that it was in good working order. There was no talk of firearms nor was there any warning given to Randall as to what his conduct should be during the absence of the Agents. During the absence of several Agents, Special Agents L. B. Nichols, and P. C. Dunne were left to guard Randall. Nichols and Dunne assembled a Colt Monitor Rifle and a shotgun and laid these guns on the bed so that they would be available in case of emergency. The muzzles of the guns were turned away from Randall and nothing was done which would in any way give him cause to fear said Agents. At the time Agents Nichols and Dunne prepared the guns, Randall stated, "Hell's fire, give me one of those guns. I'll help you out. I don't want to sit here empty handed." Randall had previously expressed fear that the men might try to kill him. Randall was told that he should have no fear and that no harm would come to him, and that the Agents were there to help him. To the best recollection of the Agents who

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guarded and interviewed Randall, food was brought up to Randall during the first day of his temporary detention, to wit, January 21, 1935, but that thereafter he was permitted to accompany Agents to the coffee shop in the Alcazar Hotel. On these occasions, of course, he was not handcuffed.

At the time the Agents were proceeding to the Everglades, former Special Agent R. L. Jones mentioned that it would be a good idea to put Randall in jail so that Agents could be rid of him and would be unencumbered. At that time Randall expressed his displeasure at being removed to the jail, stating that he would rather remain with Agents and would be better cared for. For this reason he was not taken to jail.

As stated hereinbefore, former Special Agent R. L. Jones at night occupied Room 611 in the Alcazar Hotel with Randall. At night time for precaution Jones used two handcuffs in securing Randall to the bed, one cuff being linked to the other, the extreme end of the second handcuff being linked to the bed. The two handcuffs were used so that Randall would have plenty of room in which to move about during his sleep. It has been explained that the only reason Randall was handcuffed during the first day of his detention was due to the fact that Agents were not familiar with him and did not know what he might do. Every effort, of course, was being made by the Agents to prevent Randall from jumping from the window in an effort to escape or commit suicide.

At about 8:00 P. M. January 25, 1935, former Special Agent L. J. Metcalf, Agent Nichols and Special Agent in Charge Hanson took Randall to the United States Commissioner's office in Miami, Florida, where a complaint was filed and Randall was delivered to the United States Marshal. After Randall had been arraigned, he freely and voluntarily told Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling, the United States Commissioner and the Agents present that he had been very well treated by the Agents and that he wished to thank them.

Indicative of the voluntary character of the first statement made by Randall is the fact that on January 29, 1935, and on February 1, 1935, after having been placed in the Dade

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County Jail, Miami, Florida, he furnished two signed statements of considerable value, under conditions which would make it impossible for him to allege that these statements had been obtained by force, duress or coercion. The said statements were obtained by Special Agents J. W. Going and F. M. Stone; he shook hands with both of them, stating he would like to meet them under a more favorable situation at a later date and would like to have them consider him as a friend and not as having been mixed up in his present difficulties. He also expressed appreciation for the treatment accorded him by the Agents.

On April 17, 1936, "Duke" Randall was interviewed by Special Agent N. D. Wills of the Trenton Office. At that time Randall alleged that he had been held a prisoner for five days, being handcuffed to a bed; that his constitutional rights had been violated; that he was not taken before a magistrate immediately after being arrested and that he was not given the benefit of counsel, and further that the statement obtained from him was obtained by duress, since he was manhandled and threatened. When questioned closely as to the matter of being manhandled and threatened, he stated that he was manhandled by one or two Agents and that the other Agents were fine. Upon further interview Randall retracted the statement alleging that he had been manhandled by saying that no one struck him or abused him physically.

It is quite obvious that prior to this interview, "Duke" Randall had discussed this matter very thoroughly with Bart Riley, particularly in view of the fact that most of the allegations made by Randall to Agent N. D. Wills are allegations which are contained in the motion to suppress of which Bart Riley is the author.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

K. R. McIntire.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-8-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-17, 23-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT L. MURPHY</b> <span style="float: right;">mla</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232, FUGITIVE, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>William Reichardt, Superintendent, Bureau of Identification, Gary, Indiana, P.D., advises that Sammy Gates is not wanted by his department for a crime committed there, but states his department issued a wanted circular for Gates in June 1932 at the instance of a private detective agency in Chicago, Illinois which was formerly operated by a brother of Reichardt and A. Farrell Chamblin. This private detective agency had been employed by Joseph Kaszab of Wilmette, Illinois who had been swindled out of \$120,000 by Gates and four other men in Phoenix, Arizona in the winter of 1932 and a John Doe warrant was issued by a justice of the peace in Phoenix, Arizona in 1932. No other information received with regard to Gates. Additional investigation at Cedar Lake, Indiana reveals that Edward K. Winn who visited there in January and February 1936 is not identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>References: <b>Report of Special Agent Robert L. Murphy, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 5-11-36; report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Illinois, dated 5-19-36; report of Special Agent R. T. Noonan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 5-26-36.</b></p>			
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DETAILS AT GARY, INDIANA

Agent contacted Mr. William Reichardt, Superintendent of the Bureau of Identification, Gary, Indiana, Police Department who advised that Sammy Gates who is mentioned in the reference reports of Special Agent V. E. Criss and Special Agent R. T. Noonan was not wanted by his department for an offense committed within the jurisdiction of the Gary, Indiana, Police Department. He advised that his department did issue a wanted circular for Sammy Gates in June of 1932 but stated that the circumstances of issuing this wanted notice are as follows: that at that time he had a brother by the name of Arthur C. Reichardt who was associated with a man by the name of A. Farrell Chamblin in a private detective agency in the city of Chicago, Illinois, and that this agency had been employed by one Joseph Kaszab, a millionaire, who lives in Wilmette, Illinois, and who had been swindled out of a large sum of money by Gates and four other men in Phoenix, Arizona in the winter of 1932, and that his brother and Mr. Chamblin had enlisted his cooperation in preparing and mailing a wanted notice for Gates and for that reason the wanted notice was issued by his department.

Mr. Reichardt stated that he was not very familiar with the facts of how Gates happened to swindle Kaszab out of this money except that he had learned that Kaszab and his wife were in Phoenix, Arizona in the winter of 1932 vacationing, and that he became involved with Gates and four other men in a race horse swindle, and that Kaszab, not suspecting that he was being the dupe of a confidence game, made a trip from Phoenix, Arizona to Chicago, Illinois, where he went to the Continental and Commercial National Bank and drew out \$120,000 and returned to Phoenix, Arizona, where he met Gates and the other men and was relieved of the money at the point of a gun. Mr. Reichardt intimated that perhaps the Chief of Police at Phoenix, Arizona was involved in this scheme to a certain extent and that probably a bank at Phoenix was also implicated in that they had furnished Gates and his accomplices the money upon which to operate in pretending that they were men of means.

Mr. Reichardt exhibited to Agent a copy of the warrant which Agent noticed was issued by Nat T. McKee, Justice of the Peace, on February 10, 1932 in West Phoenix, County of Maricopa, State of Arizona, which warrant in substance stated that a complaint had been made that day before the aforesaid Justice on the oath of Joseph Kaszab that the crime of a felony, to wit, robbery, had been committed and accuses John Doe No. 1, John Doe No. 2, John Doe No. 3, John Doe No. 4, and John Doe No. 5

Mr. Reichardt stated that it was his impression that this warrant was secretly issued without the knowledge of the Chief of Police at Phoenix at that time, and that it was planned that in the event Gates had been located due to the wanted notice which was issued for him by the Gary Police Department, to detain him on a charge of vagrancy for a sufficient length of time for the Phoenix, Arizona officers to come after him on the robbery charge.

Mr. Reichardt stated that he was not sure whether Gates was wanted at Phoenix, Arizona at the present time or not, but stated that probably he was. He stated that his brother and A. Farrell Chamblin were not associated together any longer in the detective agency at Chicago, but that Mr. A. Farrell Chamblin was now associated with the Hargrave Detective Agency in Chicago, and that he is very familiar with the details of the swindle of Joseph Kaszab by Gates and his companions. Mr. Reichardt stated that his brother, Arthur C. Reichardt, was now in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and believed that he was employed by some branch of the Government but was unable to furnish Agent with his address. He stated that he had no further information with reference to Sammy Gates, but suggested that probably if Joseph Kaszab or A. Farrell Chamblin were interviewed that they might be able to furnish some further information concerning his activities. Appropriate leads are being set out for the Chicago Office to interview Chamblin and Joseph Kaszab.

Mr. Reichardt furnished Agent with a copy of the wanted notice issued by his department for Gates in June 1932, which is being retained in the file of this case at the Indianapolis Office.

#### AT CEDAR LAKE, INDIANA

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent Robert L. Murphy, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated May 11, 1936 wherein it appears that Miss Emma Knesek, Postmistress at Cedar Lake, Indiana, had partially identified a photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran as resembling one Edward K. Winn (not Wynn) who visited at Cedar Lake, Indiana during January 1936. Agent contacted Miss Emma Knesek, Postmistress at Cedar Lake, Indiana, and displayed to her a larger photograph with a front and side view of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and both Miss Knesek and her mother Julia Knesek, were of the opinion that this photograph of Dr. Moran closely resembled the man using the name of Edward K. Winn who called at the Cedar Lake, Indiana Post Office in January 1936 and tried to cash some travelers' checks. Both Miss Knesek and her

mother were almost positive that Edward K. Winn was identical with the photograph of Dr. Moran. As will be remembered from the reference report of Special Agent Murphy Edward K. Winn received two special delivery letters through the Cedar Lake, Indiana Post Office during January 1936, both of which came from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As also contained in this report, it is noted that Winn did not sign for either one of these letters but that one Frank Young with whom he was staying at Cedar Lake received both of the above letters and signed for them.

Agent also contacted Mr. Roy E. Wood, Mail Carrier for the Cedar Lake, Indiana Post Office and the only mail carrier working out of that office. Mr. Wood was unable to identify a larger photograph of Dr. Moran as anyone he had seen in the vicinity of Cedar Lake, Indiana, and again stated, as noted in the reference report of Special Agent Robert L. Murphy, that he had delivered both of the special delivery letters addressed to Edward K. Winn but that one Frank Young with whom Winn was staying had signed them. Mr. Wood advised that Young was presently living in Cedar Lake, Indiana, and could likely be located at the Uebel Tavern which is located on the east side of the lake at Cedar Lake, Indiana.

Agent then contacted Frank W. Young at the Uebel Tavern located on the east side of the lake at Cedar Lake, Indiana, who advised that his mailing address is Crown Point, Indiana, R. R. 1. Mr. Young readily admitted that there had been a man by the name of Edward K. Winn visiting at his home in the winter of 1935 and 1936 but stated that he came to Cedar Lake and stayed about a month in all part of the time in December 1935 and the remainder of the time in January and February, 1936. Mr. Young stated that he did not know much about Edward K. Winn except that Winn had told him that his home was in southern Indiana at a town with a name similar to Huntingburg; that he had a 1936 Ford V8 coupe of a steel gray color which had 1936 Indiana license on it. Agent exhibited a photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran to Mr. Young and he stated that in his opinion it did not resemble to any extent the man known to him as Edward K. Winn. He stated that Winn, while staying at his home, spent a considerable amount of time in Crown Point, Indiana, and was sure that while he was in Crown Point that he had visited at the Sheriff's Office, and as he appeared to know some of the Deputy Sheriffs there. He stated that he knew absolutely nothing about Winn's business as he would leave and be gone for a week or so at a time; that he knows that he was in Minnesota a time or two as he had received a letter from him from either Milwaukee or St. Paul, and that while he was in Cedar Lake he had had a car wreck and had had the damage repaired at some garage in Hammond, Indiana.

Mr. Young described Edward K. Winn as follows:

Age:	26
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	175
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Dark

Complexion: Medium  
Build: Medium to heavy, heavy chest and shoulders  
Occupation: Unknown, supposed to have been a former midshipman at Annapolis, Maryland, Naval Academy.

Continuing, Mr. Young advised that while Winn had never told him what his business was, that he had intimated a few times that he had studied engineering and that he had been a former midshipman at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland and that he had a number of books on the subject of engineering and that he had noticed the name Edward K. Winn, Midshipman, stamped on the inside of these books. He stated that Winn always behaved himself when he was staying at his home except that he did notice that he drank considerably at times.

Mr. Young stated that if Agent would accompany him to his home which was located a short distance from the tavern where Agent interviewed him that he was sure he could locate a snapshot of Edward K. Winn and also possibly a letter which he had received from him. Agent then accompanied Mr. Young to his home in Cedar Lake where he obtained a snapshot of Edward K. Winn and a letter which he said he received from Edward K. Winn which was postmarked at Milwaukee, Wisconsin February 3, 1936, 5:30 P.M. This letter contained a note on the stationery of the Hotel Lowery of St. Paul, Minnesota to the effect that the writer had been unexpectedly detained in Wisconsin and would not be back in Cedar Lake for a few days. It further stated that the writer was leaving there for Chicago and would return to Milwaukee before coming back to Cedar Lake, and requested that Mr. Young hold his mail until he arrived. This letter was signed "Ed." Mr. Young loaned Agent the snapshot of Edward K. Winn and the above letter for use in conducting additional investigation in this case.

Mr. Young advised that he understood that Winn had stayed for a night or two at the Kennedy Hotel in Cedar Lake and further stated that Winn seemed to have a large quantity of travelers checks issued by the American Express Company; that they were in \$20.00 denominations; that while he was staying at his home he desired to cash some of these checks and that he had accompanied Winn to the Cedar Beach Hotel in Cedar Lake where the proprietor cashed one or two of these checks for him.

It will be remembered that Miss Emma Knesek, the postmistress at Cedar Lake, Indiana, had previously stated that the individual whom she thought resembled Dr. Moran and who was using the name of Edward K. Winn had requested her to cash some \$20.00 travelers checks issued by the American Express Company. Mr. Young again stated that he was positive that there was no resemblance between Edward K. Winn and the photograph of Dr. Moran, and it should be noted here that in the opinion of this Agent that while Edward K. Winn's face is shaped somewhat similar to the face of Dr. Moran that the resemblance seems to stop there as Winn in other respects appears to be a larger man and it will be noted that both his hair and eyes are dark.



Agent interviewed L. Monte Biesecker, who operates a real estate office just north of the Monon Railway station in Cedar Lake, Indiana. It will be remembered from the reference report of Special Agent Robert L. Murphy that Harry E. Claar, the former station agent of the Monon Railway at Cedar Lake, Indiana, who also thought the photograph of Dr. Moran resembled the man by the name of Edward K. Winn who had called at the Monon station to get him to cash some travelers checks in January 1936, had stated that probably Biesecker had had an opportunity to observe this individual also. However, Mr. Biesecker, upon contact, advised that he could not recall having seen anyone in the vicinity of Cedar Lake who answered either the description of Dr. Moran or Edward K. Winn and also was unable to identify a photograph of Dr. Moran or Edward K. Winn as resembling anyone he had seen in the vicinity of Cedar Lake.

After obtaining the photograph of Edward K. Winn from Mr. Frank Young Agent recontacted Miss Emma Knesek, Postmistress at Cedar Lake, Indiana, and exhibited to her the photograph of Edward K. Winn for the purpose of definitely determining whether or not this was the individual instead of Dr. Moran who had been in the Post Office at Cedar Lake in January 1936. Miss Knesek advised that after examining the photograph of Winn that probably she had been mistaken in her identification of Dr. Moran and that probably Edward K. Winn was indeed a different individual and was identical with the snapshot of Edward K. Winn which had been shown to her.

Agent contacted Mrs. J. H. Kennedy at Kennedy's Hotel, Cedar Lake, Indiana, who advised that the Kennedy Hotel was not open during December, January, or February, 1935 and 1936, and that consequently it would have been impossible for any stranger to have stayed there at that time. She stated that the only ones who were there during those three months were herself, her husband, and their immediate family, and permitted Agent to examine her register. Agent noted that it did not reveal there were any guests registered during those months. Agent exhibited photographs of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and Edward K. Winn to Mrs. Kennedy and she was unable to identify any of them as being identical with people she had seen in Cedar Lake or elsewhere.

Agent interviewed John Stasaitis, Manager of the Cedar Beach Hotel, Cedar Lake, Indiana, who immediately identified a photograph of Edward K. Winn as identical with a man who had cashed two \$20.00 American Express Travelers Checks at his place of business in the winter of 1936. Mr. Stasaitis stated that this man had been accompanied to his place of business by Frank Young who also lives at Cedar Lake, Indiana, and that he cashed the checks in view of the fact that Young stated he knew Winn and that he was staying at his house during that time. He stated without any question the checks were good as they never came back, but were evidently paid by the company issuing them.

Agent likewise displayed a photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran to John Stasaitis, and he advised that the photograph looked a little bit familiar to him, but he could not say whether it was because he had seen this man sometimes or whether he had seen his picture in a paper or magazine, but was sure that he had never seen him in Cedar Lake, Indiana, or vicinity. He was likewise positive that Dr. Moran was not identical with Edward K. Winn.

In view of the above positive identifications, it appears unlikely that Edward K. Winn who visited in Cedar Lake, Indiana at the home of Frank Young is identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and for that reason the leads set out in the reference report to contact Harry E. Clear, former Monon Station Agent at Cedar Lake, Indiana who now lives at Rensselaer, Indiana is not being carried out and the photograph of Edward K. Winn and the letter Winn wrote to Frank Young are being returned to Mr. Young by an appropriate letter as he requested when he furnished them to reporting Agent.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois

Will contact Mr. A. Farrell Chamblin who is now reported to be connected with the Hargrave Detective Agency in Chicago and obtain any information in his possession concerning Sammy Gates. It might be that Mr. Chamblin might have information in his possession which would help in the location of Gates.

At Wilmette, Illinois

After contacting Mr. Chamblin, will contact Mr. Joseph A. Kaszab at Wilmette, Illinois for further information relative to Gates and his associates.

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United States Court House,  
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July 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: WILLIAM RINGER READ with aliases -  
I. O. 1934  
ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE

Reference is made to your letter of June 30, 1936, in the REKID case in which you requested that the report of Special Agent J. M. Dickerson, dated March 18, 1936, at New York, New York, be furnished to you.

I wish to advise that the report of Agent Dickerson dated March 18, 1936, was not carried under the title "REKID" but was written under the above caption and the copies of the report in the New York Bureau file indicate that two copies of that report and an enclosure, a group photograph, New York Police Department Number 15177, made in 1932, were designated for the Cleveland Office. However, since you advise in your letter that you have not received a copy of this report, the same is being forwarded herewith, together with a copy of the mentioned photograph. In the event that copies of this report are later located in your office, together with the photograph mentioned above, it is requested that you return the copies of the report and photograph being forwarded herewith to the New York Bureau Office.

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In the report of Agent Dickerson is set forth the fact that ROMER, who appears in the photograph, could possibly be located at Toledo, Ohio, through one SA STILLER, of course, further attention is called to the report of Special Agent V. E. Cross, dated June 27, 1936, at Chicago, Illinois, in the above entitled case, copies of which were furnished to your office.

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**Letter to the Cleveland Office.**

In this report mentioned is made of one HESSLER as being a "fin" in Toledo. It appears from this report that SAM HESSLER is the same person as SAM HESTLER. It is not known which is the correct spelling of the name at this time.

Very truly yours,

**R. WHITNEY,**  
**Special Agent in Charge.**

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July 8, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: WILLIAM ELMER MEAD -  
BREKID

I am transmitting herewith a personal and confidential memorandum prepared by Special Agent K. R. McIntire, setting forth the background concerning William Elmer Mead.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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Mr. Glavin	
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MEMORANDUM

William Elmer Mead as one ~~Clark~~, alias W. Elmer Mead was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida, on December 15, 1922, charged with mail fraud. A bond of \$10,000 was posted by Mead on April 2, 1934, which bond was later estreated and a capias was issued for his failure to appear. Those participating with Mead in the swindle in Florida, which amounted to a mail fraud, were William A. Shaw, alias ~~Brady~~, and H. C. ~~Howard~~, alias Leon ~~Felix~~. These persons were likewise indicted in 1922. Howard was sentenced and has served his time, having been discharged from the Atlanta Penitentiary on November 29, 1935. William A. Shaw pleaded guilty on April 2, 1934, at Jacksonville, Florida, to the indictment charging him with participation in the swindle and was discharged.

Mead first entered the Bremer case when Lieutenant Edward J. Kelly of the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department reported to the Chicago Office of the Bureau on January 27, 1934, that an individual from St. Paul, Minnesota, named Martin Wunderlich, 530 Desnoyer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, identified the photograph of Mead in the rogues' gallery of the Chicago Police Department as a confidence man who had fleeced him of \$200,000. Wunderlich was a road contractor and had constructed roads throughout the United States. He met Mead and his associates in St. Louis, Missouri, while on a business trip. One of these associates, Charles O. Long, who assisted in perpetrating this offense against Wunderlich, was apprehended by Agents of the Chicago Bureau Office on May 5, 1936. The Bureau having no charge against this individual, he is being turned over to the Illinois State authorities. Mead interested Wunderlich in betting on horse races, and as a result of bets placed by Mead, Wunderlich won \$370,000. He was not paid, however, until he could produce evidence that he could have paid had he lost the bet. As a result, Wunderlich secured \$200,000, \$100,000 of which he obtained from his safety deposit box in St. Paul and an additional \$100,000 from Edward George Bremer, the victim in the Bremer Kidnaping case.

During the spring of 1934, Dr. William Loeser, who you will recall was prosecuted in connection with the Dillinger case, directed the attention of Louis Piquette to the fact that he, Loeser, had after a fashion obliterated his own fingerprints by the use of caustic soda.

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At this time, Piquette was extremely interested in the obliteration, advising he would soon return with a friend, and within a half an hour he did return with Arthur O'Leary, who was also notoriously mentioned in the Dillinger case. At that time, O'Leary informed Loeser that he and his cousin, Dr. Harold Cassidy, were doing the same kind of work and that he, O'Leary, had a customer, a Mr. Lane, whereupon both Piquette and O'Leary urged Loeser to go with them to do the work on Lane's fingerprints.

The said parties soon left and proceeded to a hotel in Elgin, Illinois, where Loeser was introduced to William Elmer Mead, who was then using the alias of Lane. The proposed alteration of fingerprints was then discussed and arrangements were made whereby Loeser would meet Mead in Louisville, Kentucky, within a few days thereafter where a fingerprint operation would be performed. In keeping with these arrangements, Loeser proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky where he contacted Mr. and Mrs. William E. Mead at the Louisville Hotel, and on May 25, 1934 he altered Mead's fingerprints.

Mead was taken into custody as Charles E. Carter by the Northampton, Massachusetts, Police Department on July 12, 1935, on the charge of improper registration of an automobile. At the time of his arrest he was in the act of attempting to defraud John H. Dunn, 20 Fort Street, Northampton, Massachusetts, a building contractor. Mead was fingerprinted and his prints were immediately forwarded to the Bureau but the fingerprint obliteration had been so skillfully performed that it was not until July 15, 1935, that the Bureau was able to make a positive identification. At that moment the identification was too late since Mead had been released on a \$200 bond on the morning of July 13, 1935. An immediate investigation was conducted in an effort to cause Mead's apprehension but he has thus far evaded arrest.

Mead has a long record as a confidence man. Notable instances which have come to the attention of this Bureau are as follows:

On July 5, 1929, at Lima, Ohio, Mead using the name of J. W. Longworth, in company with Charles Lancaster, J. D. Stager, and Charles O. Leamington, induced W. T. Hamilton to pay them \$30,000 for the purchase of 60,000 shares of stock of the Huichihuayan Oil and Gas Company of San Luis Potosi, Mexico. A warrant was issued based upon a complaint sworn to by W. T. Hamilton at Lima, Ohio, on July 5, 1929.

William Elmer Mead using the name of Frank F. Taylor, appeared at the summer home of J. H. Stedman at New Sharon, Maine, on June 18, 1935, representing himself as the close personal friend of the late James H. Ross of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and acting for Mrs. Ross in the proposed purchase of the seashore estate of Mr. Stedman. After having supper with Stedman, Mead left to go fishing at Moosehead Lake, Maine, and returned on the morning of June 24, 1935, at which time Stedman received a telegram signed "Jennie Ross" saying that she would take the seashore property and to have the vendor meet her at noon on June 26, 1935 at the Eggleston Inn, Hyannis, Massachusetts. On June 25, 1935, Stedman took Mead to his lawyer's office where an examination of the title papers to the property was made by Mead. On June 26, 1935, the said parties arrived at the Eggleston Inn but Mrs. Ross was not present. There was, however, a man present who was introduced as Mrs. Ross' son-in-law, a Mr. Parker of Boston. Mead explained that Mrs. Ross had been called to New York due to the serious illness of her daughter but would return. During the time that Mead and Stedman had lunch, anticipating the arrival of Mrs. Ross, Mead pulled the old pocketbook game, finding a pocketbook containing \$240 under his feet beneath the table at which they were seated. Within this pocketbook was found the name of a gambler, whereupon Mead insisted upon returning the pocketbook to the gambler. It appeared that efforts were about to be made by Mead to fleece Stedman of some money at this time, but Stedman had no patience in the matter and advised the party who had lost the pocketbook that he was nothing but a crook and then departed. Thereafter Mead made no further efforts to induce Stedman to sell the said property, and Stedman has had no contact with Mead since that time.

On another occasion Mead endeavored to pull the confidence scheme with one G. Arthur Hastings of 37 Robbins Road, Arlington, Massachusetts. According to Hastings, this occurred on March 27 and 28, 1935, while he and his wife were stopping at the Fort Sumter Hotel at Charleston, South Carolina. On this occasion, two individuals, namely Dowling and Lentz, became friendly with Hastings at the above mentioned hotel and gradually drew into his midst a man who was introduced to Hastings as Mr. Fuller. This man has positively been identified as being identical with Mead. On this occasion Fuller represented himself as being connected with a large racing syndicate who had made several fortunes out of fixed races. Dowling and Lentz immediately accosted him in the presence of Hastings asking Fuller (Mead) if the latter would let them and Mr. Hastings in on some of these big deals. Mead then produced a letter from the HORSE BREEDING SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA which informed him that due to the



publicity he had been receiving they would be forced to accept his resignation. Mead then said he would let them in on a big race that was being pulled off that same afternoon, giving them each 20 per cent apiece. That afternoon the entire party met in Lentz's room, #225, of the Fort Sumter Hotel. Mead came into the room and offered Hastings \$6,000 in cash, telling him to follow a certain procedure and bet it on a named horse. Hastings, however, had grown suspicious and refused the money. He then decided that he was in with a gang of confidence men and left the room. He subsequently learned that Lentz and Dowling had both been arrested by the Charleston police on the following day, being charged with gambling.

Mead has been considered an international confidence man as his criminal record will disclose. That record shows Mead as Edwin Elze Gaynor, #2196, was arrested on March 24, 1930, by New Scotland Yard, London, England, on a charge of conspiracy. On April 2, 1930, he was sentenced to serve two six-month sentences to run concurrently, the charge being attempting to steal by means of confidence trick.

Mead has associated himself with confidence men of national importance, several of whom are Fred Farrell, Fred Gondorf, Robert Finn, J. E. Hayes, George Farry, and "Yellow Kid" Neil.

A copy of his criminal record is attached hereto.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 8, 1936.

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Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Time - 10:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William Elmer Meade.

Special Agent Flood of the Omaha Office telephoned me to report that the Agents of his office this morning took William Elmer Meade into custody in the Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha. He said that the informant was due to arrive and meet Meade about 9:30 their time, and when the Agents slipped into the hotel ahead of the informant to get set up, they noticed this man sitting in a chair facing the door. They immediately recognized him as Meade, and, after watching him for a few minutes, they went over to him, asked him if he was not Meade, and he admitted that he was. They took him quietly out of the hotel with no disturbance and took him to the office where he now is. He said that Meade admits his identity.

Mr. Flood said that Meade had on his person about eight dollars in change and eight \$20 bills, which are now being checked against the ransom lists. He said that his fingerprints are badly mutilated, and skin has been grafted on various portions of them to prevent identification. I told Mr. Flood to make sure that Meade has nothing on his person with which he can commit suicide, and further, to make sure that he comes in contact with nothing which could be used for that purpose. I told him to start the questioning of Meade as to his activities and his contacts, and make sure that there is no leak of the fact that he is in custody.

I informed Mr. Flood I would discuss the matter with you as to releasing the information, and he would advised in the premises; that in the interim, he should take every precaution to see that Meade does not commit suicide, and that the information relative to his apprehension does not get out. Mr. Flood will get several sets of Meade's mutilated fingerprints.

Respectfully,

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E. A. TAMM.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

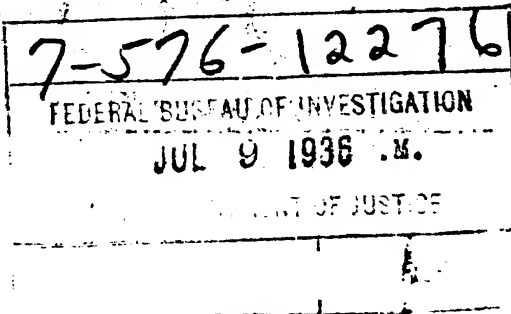
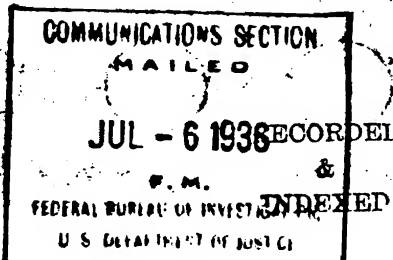
Will you please prepare for the Attorney General - for my signature - a memorandum dealing with the statements of Inspector Metrick of the Post Office Inspection Service at St. Paul last week, upon his visit to that city to interview Karpis. I have in mind particularly those statements which he made referring to the Bureau and the relations of the Post Office Inspectors with the Bureau. I want to bring this to the Attorney General's attention in order that he may know that Post Office Inspectors are continuing to agitate this matter and that a continuation of the same will inevitably lead to further friction and difficulty.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**

FILE NO. **7-5**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7-8-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/27, 28, 29 and 7/6, 7/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>S. K. McKEE</b>
TITLE: <b>CHARLES JOSEPH FITZGERALD, with aliases; ET AL WILLIAM A. HAMM, JR., Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p><b>FITZGERALD entered guilty plea in U. S. District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, June 29, 1936; sentence deferred until completion trial other defendants. Fitzgerald furnished details of his knowledge this case but it is believed he is protecting several individuals. Fitzgerald is not willing to testify. Additional data as to other activities and associates furnished by Fitzgerald.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, St. Paul, Minnesota, 7-1-36.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>On the night of June 27, 1936 Subject Charles J. Fitzgerald, during interview with Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that he had decided to change his plea of not guilty to a plea of guilty, and stated that he was willing to enter his changed <del>plea</del> pleas at any time but desired that the United States Attorney be requested to defer sentence as to him for a reasonable time in order to give him an opportunity to straighten out some personal matters.</p> <p>On June 29, 1936 Fitzgerald was re-arraigned before Judge Matthew M. Joyce in U. S. District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, and through his attorney, Thomas J. Newman, he changed his not guilty plea to a plea of guilty. At the request of United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, the court deferred sentence</p>			
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as to Fitzgerald until July 7, 1936. On the latter date United States Attorney Sullivan and Attorney Newman conferred with Judge Joyce, and it was arranged that Fitzgerald's sentence be deferred until the trial as to the other defendants in this matter has been completed.

On the night of June 28, 1936 Fitzgerald was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent in Charge Stein, and he furnished some information as to his involvement in this kidnaping. He has been interviewed on subsequent dates by the writer and has made additional admissions.

Fitzgerald states that several days prior to the kidnaping of Hamm he came to St. Paul, Minnesota, by airplane from Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of "casing a bank". He would not name the bank in question. He stated that at the time of making this trip to St. Paul he was residing with Belle Born at the Oglesby Arms Apartments in Chicago, Illinois. He said he ran into Fred Barker on the street in St. Paul by accident; that Barker invited him to participate in the kidnaping of Hamm, and after some persuasion he agreed to do so. He said Barker told him that he was to receive between \$7,000 and \$8,000 for his part in this kidnaping; that the work he was to do was outlined to him, and that he was not told anything about the original plans for the kidnaping or any purpose behind it. Fitzgerald stated that after meeting Fred Barker he stayed at the house at 204 Vernon Avenue, where the Barker brothers and Paula Harmon were living; that he slept at this place and during the day time he went to the cottage at Bald Eagle Lake, Minnesota, and "hung around with the boys". It was Fitzgerald's understanding that the Bald Eagle Lake cottage was rented by Alvin Karpis.

Fitzgerald stated that the day before the kidnaping he went with Doc Barker to observe Hamm in the vicinity of his home, which he described as being located on top of a hill in back of the brewery. He said he and Doc Barker identified Hamm from a description which had been supplied by Freddie Barker; that the original plan was to kidnap Hamm in the vicinity of his home at lunch time, but that this plan was abandoned after observations indicated an automobile parked on the street or persons loitering in the vicinity would be too conspicuous. He said it was then planned to kidnap Hamm as he left the brewery on his way home to lunch. Fitzgerald stated that on the day of the kidnaping he and Doc Barker were together on a corner near the brewery; that Bryan Bolton was across the street, and that Alvin Karpis was located a short distance down the street in the sedan automobile used in the kidnaping; that when Hamm left the brewery he was accosted by him, Fitzgerald, and Doc Barker; that he, Fitzgerald, shook hands with Hamm; that at about this time Karpis, upon signal from Bolton, drove the car to the point where Hamm, Fitzgerald, and Doc Barker were

standing, and that Doc Barker forced Fitzgerald into the car. He stated that Doc Barker and Bolton entered the rear seat of the car with Hamm and that he entered the front seat along with Karpis; that although everybody felt sure that they had kidnaped the right man, Hamm was definitely identified because of Karpis' objections, through a tailor mark on the inside of his inner coat pocket. Fitzgerald stated that the car containing Hamm was driven to a point some distance out of St. Paul but located in Wisconsin; that the St. Croix River was crossed via a free bridge upon which some work was being done. He stated that the car was stopped at a pre-arranged point on a side road, where Fred Barker and Fred Goetz met them; that at this point Hamm was told to sign several notes, and was also asked to name an intermediary. He said that after this was done the car containing Hamm was driven on to the hideout, same being occupied by Karpis, Bolton, and Doc Barker. Fitzgerald admitted that he knew the hideout was located in Bensenville, Illinois, and was in the home of Bartholmey, but he claimed that he was not acquainted with Bartholmey. He said that after the notes had been signed and the others had left for Chicago, that he, Goetz, and Fred Barker returned to the house at 204 Vernon Avenue in St. Paul.

With respect to the three ransom notes delivered in this case, Fitzgerald said that the actual delivery in each instance was made by Fred Goetz. He said that in each instance the three of them went by automobile to a point near where the note was left; that Goetz was let out of the car in order to deliver the note, and that he later returned to the car. When questioned specifically as to the note delivered to the cab driver in the vicinity of the St. Paul Hotel, Fitzgerald was positive in his statement that he and the other two drove to the vicinity of the St. Paul Hotel and let Goetz out of the car; that he delivered the note to the cab driver and then came back to the car. Fitzgerald could not offer any explanation for the description furnished by the cab driver during the course of the trial involving Roger Touhy; Et Al, other than to state that the driver must have been using his imagination.

Fitzgerald said that after the ransom money had been collected that he, Fred Barker, and Fred Goetz immediately drove to Chicago, Illinois, along with the money. He said that the money was left in the possession of Fred Goetz, and that it was his understanding that Goetz kept it at his apartment on Gunderson Avenue in Berwyn, Illinois. He said that the original plans had been to attempt to exchange the ransom money for other money through Graham and McKay of Reno, Nevada. Fitzgerald said that Bill Graham and James McKay were old time friends of his and that during the Fall of 1932 he "set in" the Barkers-Karpis and their associates with the Graham-McKay outfit. He stated that during about the first week of July 1933 he and Fred Barker

made a trip from Chicago to Reno, Nevada, by airplane in order to make arrangements to exchange the ransom; that upon arriving in Reno they registered at the Riverside Hotel; that they stayed at the hotel only about a day and then went to Cal-Neva Lodge; that they contacted Graham and McKay but that these men would not have anything to do with the ransom money because the Government was interested in the case; that after about two weeks at Cal-Neva Lodge they again returned to the Riverside Hotel, and shortly thereafter traveled back to Chicago, Illinois, via train.

Fitzgerald, when questioned as to turning in the return portions of their air travel tickets through Cliff Grady at Reno, Nevada, stated that this matter had been arranged by Freddie Barker.

It was Fitzgerald's statement that upon returning to Chicago, Illinois, he contacted Gus Winkler and through him arranged to have the ransom money changed. He stated that the entire transaction took possibly a week; that Winkler charged 10% for changing the money, and that it was delivered to him and Fred Barker by Winkler at Winkler's apartment in three installments of \$30,000 each. Fitzgerald said that he received a total of something over \$7,000 for his share and that he had to split his share with Gus Winkler and Gus Shay inasmuch as he had a working agreement with these two men that anything they realized through criminal enterprises would be split between the three of them. Fitzgerald admitted that he had been to the cottage of Fred Barker and Volney Davis at Long Lake, Illinois, but denied that he received his share of the ransom money at this place.

Fitzgerald was questioned at length concerning the involvement of Jack Peifer in this case, but he claimed that he did not know anything about Peifer having been involved in the matter, although he would not deny that he may have received some of the ransom. Fitzgerald's contention in this connection was that he had not been told anything about the original plans for the kidnaping and only knew about the parties who actually kidnaped Hamm and held him for ransom, and about Winkler having exchanged the ransom money. Fitzgerald stated that assuming that he received \$7,800 for his part in the kidnaping, and that the five other active participants received similar amounts; that \$10,000 went to Winkler for changing the money; that \$2,500 went to each of three other men, that these sums would total approximately \$64,000 and that there would still be approximately \$36,000 unaccounted for, which he states undoubtedly went to some persons whom he did not know.



In connection with the three sums of \$2500 each, which Fitzgerald said went to three individuals, he advised that one of these amounts was given to Herb Farmer of Joplin, Missouri, because of his involvement in the Kansas City Massacre; that a like sum was given to Don Stacey, proprietor of the O. P. Inn in Maywood, Illinois, because of his involvement in the Kansas City Massacre, and that a similar amount was given to Verne Miller because he needed money as a result of the "heat" on him following the shooting at the Union Station in Kansas City.

Fitzgerald was questioned as to the airplane trip made by him under the name of C. J. Murphy between Chicago, Illinois, and Kansas City, Missouri, shortly after the release of Hamm, he advised that he had made such a trip and that the purpose of it was to "case" a bank in Kansas City. He refused to state the names of the persons connected with him as to the possible robbery of this bank, and also refused to name the bank in question.

Fitzgerald was questioned at length concerning the disposition made of the remaining \$36,000 of the ransom money in this case, inasmuch as it was Agent's belief that he did know who received this money. His only statement in this connection was that he figured it would possibly go to the two top men in the county and the two top men in the city. When questioned as to whom he meant by the above descriptions, he advised that he figured the County Attorney and the Sheriff, one man in the Police Department, and one other man in the city Government would have received cuts from the ransom money.

With respect to his connections with Gus Winkler and Gus Shay, Fitzgerald advised that he had known these men for some years and that for possibly five or six years prior to the kidnaping he had a working agreement with them through which they split on an even basis any money obtained by any of them from crimes. He said that the two men, Gus Winkler and Gus Shay, and he were jointly interested in the Chez Paree in Chicago, and that he assumed that other persons were also interested in this place. Fitzgerald would not admit having been involved in any crimes with Gus Winkler, although he insinuated that such had been the case. He stated, however, that he had been out on several jobs with Gus Shay, whom he referred to as "Old Gus". In connection with this individual, Fitzgerald advised that Gus Shay is the correct name of this man but that he was generally known as Gus Stein; that Shay's home was in the south someplace; that he lived in Chicago with a widow who had a young son; that so far as he knew, Shay had never served any time nor had he been photographed nor fingerprinted. He advised, however, that Shay had told him of having been arrested on several occasions in gambling raids, having been subsequently released after posting a small

bond. He advised that Gus Shay was sometimes known by the nickname "Schnozzle" because of his large nose. Fitzgerald claimed that while he was laid up with his hip that Gus Shay was taken for a ride and his body was found by the roadside somewhere near Calumet City, Illinois.

Fitzgerald was questioned concerning the bullet wound which he had received in his hip, and he stated that this wound had been received during the payroll robbery at South St. Paul, Minnesota, in August 1933. He named the persons who took part in this robbery as himself, Karpis, Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Bryan Bolton, and Fred Goetz. He also said that Karpis was the driver of the car; that Fred Barker sat with Karpis in the front seat and read the getaway chart to him; that Bolton was the man who shot the policeman with a machine gun, and that Doc Barker was the person who helped him, Fitzgerald, into the car after he had been shot.

Fitzgerald was questioned concerning the robbery of the bank at Estherville, Iowa, and he admitted have participated in this robbery, and named the persons who had been with him as Big Homer Wilson, Gus Shay, and Slim Moran.

Of his own volition, Fitzgerald stated that after he was wounded during the course of the payroll robbery at South St. Paul, Minnesota, during August 1933, on which occasion Bryan Bolton had run; that Gus Winkler and Gus Shay wanted to bump Bolton off, and only refrained from doing so because he, Fitzgerald, would not give the word. As to Bolton, Fitzgerald advised that Fred Goetz had implicit faith in him but that numerous persons associated with both Goetz and Bolton did not trust Bolton and often tried to persuade Goetz that he should get rid of him. Fitzgerald referred to both Goetz and Bolton as killers for the syndicate.

The matter of the St. Valentine's Day massacre in Chicago was brought up by Fitzgerald, and he stated that he had never definitely known who participated in this affair but he had been told that the job had been "messed up" by Bolton and "Swede" Moran, who were engaged as lookouts at a place across the street from the garage where the massacre occurred, and that they had messed up this job through giving the signal to their associates before "Bugs" Moran put in his appearance at the garage. Fitzgerald stated he did not know definitely, but that such men as the following were likely prospects for the actual shooting on this occasion: Gus Winkler, Fred Goetz, Gus Shay, Fred Burke, Ralph Pierce, and Claude Mattox. Fitzgerald denied that he was involved in this affair, stating that he would have no reason to deny it as he felt positive the Government would not turn him over to the State of Illinois for prosecution, and even

if they did so that a case could not be made out against him.

Fitzgerald was asked to state how many "bank jobs" he had participated in, and he answered that there was no way that he could figure that out but that he would estimate that he had robbed or helped rob at least fifty banks. It is to be stated that Fitzgerald will not volunteer any information concerning crimes in which he has participated, but if he is questioned concerning a specific crime he is apparently willing to state the part he played and to name other persons, although he has shown a tendency to refrain from naming any people who are now living. Fitzgerald was questioned concerning his possible participation in the Lincoln, Nebraska, bank robbery during the fall of 1930, but he stated that he did not have any part in this robbery. Fitzgerald was questioned concerning the source of the \$1,000 bills in the safety deposit box at Waukegan, Illinois, in the name of Mrs. Vioski. He said that during the winter of 1934 he met Fred Barker in Toledo, Ohio, and that Freddie gave him as he recalls, eight \$1,000 bills as a gift. He stated that this money was part of the exchanged ransom in the Bremer kidnaping case. He advised that he put these bills in an envelope and gave them to Belle Born and that she made arrangements with Mrs. Vioski to hold this money. He also said that he knows that Belle Born turned over to Mrs. Vioski some of her own money at this time, and that while he was in Los Angeles, California, he secured \$4,000 through Mrs. Vioski, and he has learned that instead of her sending him his own money she had sent Belle Born's money, and that consequently he presently has approximately \$4,000 in the safety deposit box at Waukegan, the balance of the money in this box being the property of Belle Born. He advised that he is making negotiations through Attorney T. J. Newman of St. Paul to secure this money, which he intends turning over to Belle Born for her use. In this connection, it is to be stated that information has been supplied to William Hamm, Jr. concerning the location of this money, and that a newspaper article appearing at St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 7, 1936 indicated that Hamm, through his attorneys, had attached the money in the Waukegan box.

Fitzgerald informed that while he was living in Los Angeles he ran into "Bones" Renner in a restaurant while he was having dinner one evening with Imogene Robertson. He said that he passed the time of day with Renner but did not identify him to the Robertson girl, and that he is positive that she did not know who he was.

Fitzgerald was questioned concerning the address "1209 Pioneer" which appeared in his notebook in the Los Angeles apartment he occupied,

and which was observed by Agents at the time this apartment was secretly searched in December 1935. Fitzgerald advised that this entry referred to an office formerly located at 1209 Pioneer Building in St. Paul, Minnesota, which was a bond shop operated by one Jimmie Connelly, through whom he used to dispose of stolen bonds. He advised that his dealings with Connelly took place some years ago; that Connelly was arrested possibly five to eight years ago in New York City and was sentenced to Sing Sing Prison for possession of stolen bonds, and that he died while confined in prison.

As to the name "Sabina" which appeared in the same notebook, Fitzgerald said that this name referred to a street in Los Angeles, California.

As to the Cuban-American Auto Company, which name appeared in the same notebook, Fitzgerald said that this name had been given to him by Cash McDonald as being a business house located in Havana, Cuba, through which Fitzgerald could reach him, McDonald, at any time.

In connection with the admissions made by Fitzgerald concerning his participation in the Hamm kidnaping, he has stated that under no circumstances would he be willing to furnish testimony in this case, either on behalf of the Government or for any of the defendants. Fitzgerald has stated that he knows the Government can convict him in this case, and that he entered a plea of guilty because he did not wish to embarrass Belle Born. He said he knew that she would be called upon to testify for the Government and that he felt that she would perjure herself on the witness stand in an effort to help him, and as he felt he would be convicted anyway, he thought that he might as well plead guilty and do away with the possibility of Belle Born perjuring herself and thereby being prosecuted.

Any further admissions made by Fitzgerald or general information furnished by him, will be subsequently reported.

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Number: 7-576-12279

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501 Healey Building  
Atlanta, Georgia  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID  
WEYNAP  
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Dear Sir:

This is with reference to Bureau letter dated July 1, 1936 in the above entitled matters (Bureau File Numbers 7-576, 7-1367, 7-1128) requesting that specimens of the handwriting and hand printing of Fred Hunter, Atlanta Penitentiary, be secured and forwarded to the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau.

Upon being interviewed, Hunter, #48668, stated that he furnished specimens of his handwriting and hand printing to Agents of the New Orleans Office following his arrest and that he cannot understand the necessity for additional specimens. Furthermore, that the Post Office Department is attempting to involve him in the Garrettsville train robbery, an offense with which he had no connection, and that for this reason he does not feel that he should furnish more specimens of his handwriting.

After being assured that the Bureau has no jurisdiction over the Garrettsville matter, Hunter agreed to copy portions of articles in a newspaper and the specimens which were prepared by him in both ink and pencil are being transmitted herewith.

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It is appreciated that the attached specimens are not extensive and in the event that more extensive specimens are required, sufficient time will be spent cultivating Hunter in order to insure the desired results.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy  
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Special Agent in Charge

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated July 2, 1936,  
- a registered letter containing the sum of \$300.00 to be  
delivered to the Warden of the United States Penitentiary at  
Leavenworth, Kansas, to be credited to the account of Harry  
Campbell.

Please be advised that on July 9, 1936, Special Agent A. E.  
Farland delivered the \$300.00 to Warden F. G. Zerbst and se-  
cured his receipt for same. Harry Campbell, #48996, was called  
in and advised by the Warden of the receipt of this money. He,  
in turn, signed a receipt which was witnessed by Warden Zerbst.

The original of both of these receipts are being transmitted,  
with a copy of this letter, to the Bureau. A signed copy of  
each of the receipts is likewise being transmitted, with copies  
of this letter, to the Cleveland and Cincinnati Offices. One  
signed copy of each receipt is being retained in the Kansas City  
file in this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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*JUL 15 1936*

Leavenworth, Kansas  
July 9, 1936

Received from W. A. Smith, Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
Kansas City, Missouri, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00),  
to be delivered to the Warden of the United States Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas, to be placed to the credit of Harry  
Campbell, inmate of that institution.

J. G. Zerk

7-576-12280

Leavenworth, Kansas  
July 9, 1936

Receipt is acknowledged as having been received from  
W. A. Smith, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investi-  
gation, U. S. Department of Justice, Kansas City, Missouri,  
the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), which was delivered  
to F. G. Zerbst, Warden, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth,  
Kansas, on this date, to be placed to my credit.

Harry Campbell  
F. G. Zerbst, Warden

404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
July 9, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

REKID

Reference is made to your letter of June 17,  
1936 and letter from the Kansas City Office of June 25,  
1936 regarding 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, Engine No. 18-489014.

*Alvin*  
Subject, Karpis has been interviewed by Special  
Agent in Charge C. W. Stein and Special Agents S. K. McKee  
and John E. Brennan on numerous occasions, during which he was  
questioned both directly and indirectly about the above car,  
but has consistently refused to enter into any discussion  
whereby any information might be obtained.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
July 10, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

BRKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 6th and your reply thereto dated June 12, 1936, relating to statements made by Alvin Karpis as to certain Agents having been pointed out to him.

As indicated in my letter to the Little Rock Office of even date, these statements were reported without comment.

Special Agent John E. Brennan of this office today discussed with Karpis his statement as to having followed a car with Kansas license, as contained in reference Bureau letter. He stated that he had been questioned by other Agents as to who it was that tipped him off to leave Hot Springs, and rather than disclose the source of his information had manufactured this tale. In discussing various persons in Hot Springs he was asked who the girl was that he knew that was so thick with the Chief of Police. He replied that that was the correct answer; that he had been playing the Goldstein woman who had the "in" down there and that he could have stayed there the rest of his life if he only had coppers to worry about.

The conversation got around to his previous statements as to having had certain Agents pointed out to him. He stated that he had seen one or two but "they seemed so interested in quizzing me about it that I told them a lot of hokey". He was asked where in Texas he claimed to have seen Special Agent in Charge Colvin, and stated that it was not in Texas but in Oklahoma, but would not say when, where, or under what circumstances. It would appear that his statement in this regard is as untrue as that concerning his having followed a car.

Very truly yours,

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C. W. STAIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Charlotte, N. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-11-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/19/36 7/7/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM S. MCKINLEY - MSK.</b>
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING;                  HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OB-                  STRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL                  FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>M. W. Jenkinson, A. W. Huntington, and F. C. Tuttle registered Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, S. C., 5-15-36; Jenkinson checked out 5-16-36. Others checked out 5-17-36. Hotel employees unable recall above individuals or anyone resembling Mead. No record telephone calls or other items of value in tracing Jenkinson and Huntington. No record of James Melton, Fort Sumter Hotel, Charleston, S. C. Photostatic copies Asheville, N. C. and Charleston, S. C. registrations by Jenkinson and Huntington forwarded herewith to office of origin. "Stops" outstanding in motor vehicle bureaus in North and South Carolina to cover Plymouth sedan, motor PJ 322,772, Ford 2-door Sedan, motor 2,044,337, and Ford Coupe, motor 18-429,014, "Stops" covering Pontiac sedan, motor 935,155, have been cancelled.</b>			
<b>RUC.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Report of W. A. Collier, Jr., Charlotte, N. C., June 12, 1936.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>At Charleston, South Carolina.</b>  <b>A check of registration cards at the Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, S. C., has developed that M. W. Jenkinson of England registered there on May 15, 1936 and was assigned to Rooms 512 and 514, rate \$8.50 per day, and that he checked out on May 16, 1936; that A. W. Huntington of Canada registered there on May 15, 1936 and was assigned to Room 526, rate \$3.50 per day, and that he checked out on May 17, 1936; that F. C. Tuttle of Cincinnati, Ohio, registered there on May 15, 1936, was</b>			
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assigned to Room 510, rate \$3.00 per day, and checked out on May 17, 1936. Clerk Harry F. Jordan, who executed the above mentioned registrations, advised agent that he could not recall any of the parties who registered and that he remembers no one resembling photographs of William E. Mead. A check of the registration cards reflected that all were handprinted in ink. One photostatic copy has been made of each registration card and same are being forwarded herewith to the office of origin.

A check of the Francis Marion Hotel statements covering the account of Jenkinson reflected that he checked out under date of May 16, 1936, and that the only charge made in addition to that for his room was a charge of 25¢ for coffee shop service. Cashier Virginia B. Meeks, who checked Jenkinson out, advised agent that she is unable to recall him and stated that she does not remember seeing anyone who resembles photographs of Mead.

A check of the Francis Marion Hotel statements covering the account of Huntington reflects that he checked out under date of May 17, 1936, and that the only charges made in addition to that for his room were charges of \$2.05 and \$2.25 for dining room services.

A check of statements covering the account of Tuttle reflected that he checked out under date of May 17, 1936, and that the only charge in addition to that for his room was a charge of 75¢ for baggage.

Vincent E. Milnor, Cashier, Francis Marion Hotel, who checked out both Huntington and Tuttle, advised the writer that he is unable to recall either and that he is also unable to recall anyone resembling photographs of Mead.

A check of the Francis Marion Hotel coffee shop ticket covering the 25¢ item charged to the account of Jenkinson reflects that it was for a bottle of Canada Dry ginger ale which was delivered to Room 514. A check of the Francis Marion Hotel dining room tickets covering the \$2.05 and \$2.25 items charged to the account of Huntington indicated that the first ticket was for two lunches served in the dining room under date of May 17, 1936, and that the second ticket was for two dinners served in the hotel dining room on the same date.

A photostatic copy has been made of the coffee shop ticket and also of each of the dining room tickets and same are being forwarded herewith to the office of origin.

It is here noted that the coffee shop ticket has been signed for in longhand by Jenkinson, and that the dining room tickets have been signed for in handprinting by A. W. Huntington.

Mr. Carl Espy, dining room steward, Francis Marion Hotel, stated that a check of dining room tickets covering charges of \$2.06 and \$2.25 to Huntington's account reflected that James Brown was the waiter in the first instance and that E. Ladd was the waiter in the second instance. Both waiters were unable to recall Huntington and his guest and knew of no instance this year in which a pocketbook was found in the dining room of the Francis Marion Hotel. Mr. Espy stated that a check of all available records failed to indicate the name of the party who delivered the bottle of ginger ale to Jenkinson, as indicated in the above mentioned coffee shop ticket. Mr. Espy, the above mentioned waiters, and other waiters in the Francis Marion Hotel dining room and coffee shop were shown photographs of Mead but were unable to remember seeing anyone who resembled him.

Mrs. C. C. Holt, auditor, Francis Marion Hotel, advised the writer that a check of her records failed to furnish any additional information concerning the 75¢ item charged to the account of Mr. Tuttle for baggage service as she presumes that this was an amount paid to the drayman who delivered Mr. Tuttle's baggage, and that no other records were kept of the transaction.

She also stated that her records failed to furnish any additional information such as record of telephone calls, telegrams, or other items through which Jenkinson or Huntington could be traced.

In addition to the parties already mentioned, photographs of Mead were shown to the following persons connected with the Francis Marion Hotel:

Robert Rosemond, Manager  
A. H. Brothers, House Detective  
M. O. Spyers, Clerk

All stated that they had no recollection of having seen anyone who resembled Mead.

Agent interviewed John S. Cator, Manager, and William A. Teague, Clerk, of the Fort Sumter Hotel, Charleston, S. C., and a check of records at that hotel failed to produce any record concerning James Melton. Photographs of Mead were shown to Mr. Cator, Mr. Teague, and other parties at the Fort Sumter Hotel but no one there could remember having seen Mead.

Copies of Identification Order #1354 issued for William Elmer Mead were left at both the Francis Marion and the Fort Sumter Hotels in Charleston with the request that this office be advised immediately if any information should later be received concerning Mead.

A photographic copy has been obtained by Special Agent W. A. Collier, Jr., of this office, covering registrations by Jenkinson and Huntington at Asheville, N. C., referred to in Agent Collier's report, submitted at Charlotte, N. C., under date of June 12, 1936, and same are being forwarded herewith to the office of origin.

A check of the Charlotte office file on this matter reflects that stop notice covering Pontiac Sedan, motor number 935,155, serial number 815,227, previously placed with the State motor vehicle bureaus in North and South Carolina were withdrawn under date of June 17, 1936, and that the motor vehicle bureaus for both states have, in reply to letters from this office, advised that they have no record of a 1936 Ford V-8 two-door sedan, motor number 2,044,337, or 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, Model 40, bearing motor number 18-429,014, but that stop notices are being placed against both cars and that this office will be advised if any future information is obtained concerning same. It is also noted that the only other car against which stop notices are pending in the States of North and South Carolina in connection with this case is a 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor number P1 322,772.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

1440 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Information has been received that the McFadden Publications have from time to time carried articles pertaining to the Bremer kidnaping.

It is requested that a check be made at the office of the McFadden Publications for the purpose of securing copies of the various issues in which the articles appeared, particular attention being given to the issues of the year 1934.

It is requested that this investigation be expedited and copies of the publications be forwarded to the Cleveland Bureau office.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/10/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/11,14,16/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. B. MATNEY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>AM</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Files at Detroit Bureau Office and records of the Michigan State Bankers Association, Lansing, Michigan, fail to reveal any information concerning new, uncut currency. Mr. A. Rickard of the Lone Star Detective Agency, Toledo, Ohio, advises Charles Kadie of Toledo has information concerning harborers of Karpis and Campbell.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-P-</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Bureau letter dated April 28, 1936, to the Aberdeen Office.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>All of the bank robbery cases in the Detroit Bureau Office have been examined and none reveal any instance where uncut currency constituted the loot.</p> <p>Special Agent J. Waldman of the Detroit Office contacted Mrs. Woodruff, Secretary of the Michigan Bankers Association, 1812 Olds Tower, Lansing, Michigan, who made a thorough check of all of the records in her possession and advised that she does not have a record of any bank robbery in which part of the loot was new, uncut currency. Mrs. Woodruff advised that if she later secured any such information she would immediately advise the Detroit Bureau Office.</p> <p>Mr. A. Rickard of the Lone Star Detective Agency,</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Toledo, Ohio, advised Special Agent L. C. Rumsey of this office, by telephone, that a Mr. Charles Kadie, who is an engineer at the Cherry School in Toledo, Ohio, could furnish some information regarding some manager of a night club on Dixie Highway who has harbored Karpis and Campbell while they were in Toledo. Mr. Rickard stated that he could give no more definite information but that he wished to pass this along for whatever it might be worth.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The CLEVELAND OFFICE, at Toledo, Ohio, will conduct appropriate investigation.

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Cleveland, Ohio

July 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Mrs. Gertrude Willeter Miller, wife of Harry Campbell, has advised Special Agent E. B. Bill that she intends to leave Toledo, Ohio, on July 15, 1936, for Leavenworth, Kansas, for the purpose of visiting her husband at the United States Penitentiary. She stated that she intended to drive her Ford car and trailer, and would be accompanied by a young married couple, identities not disclosed.

Mrs. Miller furnished this information during an interview at the time certain personal effects of Harry Campbell were returned to her, and she was reluctant to furnish any information concerning any proposed trip to Leavenworth, Kansas, therefore, it is not definitely known whether Mrs. Miller will actually leave Toledo, Ohio, on the date mentioned.

It is requested that you make the appropriate arrangements to cover the visit of Harry Campbell and his wife in the event she does visit the penitentiary shortly after July 15, 1936.

Very truly yours,

KJW/LJB

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TODAY REQUESTING FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND RETURNABLE JACKSONVILLE

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*Edw. H. Bremer*

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning Rene Holst, who at a future date is to be interviewed by your office relative to her association with members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Casino Club, Toledo, Ohio. You will recall that she is presently residing in Cincinnati, Ohio, with one Lady Fleming, a former State of Ohio Prohibition Officer.

Recent information developed at Detroit, Michigan, in an interview with Euth Bell, former sweetheart of Ted Angus, indicates that Lady Fleming was a frequent visitor at the Casino Club in 1934, and that he, at that time, had a speed boat which he endeavored to sell to the gang, and took them riding in order to demonstrate the boat.

At such time as Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley advises you to question Rene Holst, it is suggested that you also question Lady Fleming with reference to all knowledge he has of the presence of the gang at the Casino Club in 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 10, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

This is to advise you that the rental of the temporary offices being maintained in rooms 513-514, Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, will expire on July 15, 1936, and it is believed advisable to continue the use of these offices for an additional thirty days, inasmuch as the investigation at Toledo, Ohio, has not been completed and the offices will be necessary for the purpose of interviewing the various witnesses and prospective subjects.

It is, therefore, requested that authority be granted to rent the office space now in use at Toledo, Ohio, for an additional thirty (30) days at the monthly rental of \$70.00.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

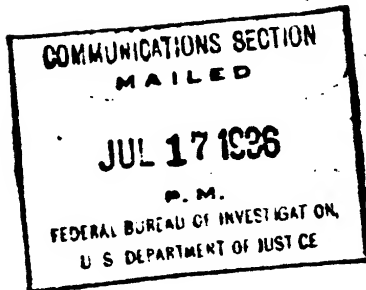
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 10, 1936, in which you requested authority to continue your occupancy of the offices now being used in the Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, for an additional thirty day period.

You are hereby authorized to rent the space now in use for a thirty day period at the monthly rental of \$70.00.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



404 New York Bldg.  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
July 9, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, by Dr. F.J. Kesling, M.D., 100 Reed Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, in which he states that one Oscar Holoffe, has certain information relative to the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

You are requested to interview both Dr. Kesling and Oscar Holoffe in order to obtain whatever information of value they may be able to furnish.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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100 Reed Avenue,  
Peoria, Illinois.  
July 6, 1936.

Mr. George F. Sullivan,  
United States Attorney,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I have today contacted Mr. Oscar Holoffe, (Oscar Wilhoffe was the wrong name) here in Peoria. He is going to be here for a few days. He has restated his case to me, and has renamed those who were involved in the Hamm-Bremer kidnappings as well as those who were and are still involved in illicit liquor traffic in and about Bensonville and Joliet, Illinois.

I have convinced him that he should contact you and your men personally so that he can fully explain things to you. He is still afraid for his life, should he tell everything. He has taken a job as a dishwasher in Thompson's Restaurant, Peoria, working on the day shift. If you will contact him personally immediately, I am sure that he can furnish you with some very valuable information. However, from his conversation one might think that his mind was not right, but being a physician myself, I believe that he is all right.

"It would be wise that this case be handled from outside of the Peoria District, inasmuch as one person involved bears the name of Doyle, the same as our local U. S. District Attorney.

Very truly yours,

F.J. KESLING, M. D.

7-576-12290

P. O. Drawer 567  
San Francisco, California  
July 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID  
WEYNAP  
STOLNAP

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Bureau letter dated July 1, 1936, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Atlanta, Georgia, in connection with this case, which is self-explanatory.

Inasmuch as it has been ascertained that WILLIAM MAHAN is still confined at the McNeil Island Penitentiary, which is located in your district, it is requested that you take the action requested in the Bureau letter of reference, with regard to William Mahan, securing the handwriting specimens from him at the McNeil Island Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

W. L. LISTERMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Edward J. Listerman*



404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
July 10, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

BRKID

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau of June 20th relative to statements made by Alvin Karpis concerning certain Agents having been pointed out to him. The statements referred to were, among others, reported without comment by the reporting Agent as to their credibility.

It has been noted that this subject takes particular delight in endeavoring to impress Agents interviewing him as to his alleged knowledge of the activities of Agents of the Bureau who have conducted investigations in an effort to procure his apprehension. Special Agent John E. Brennan had a talk with him on this date and "off the record" he stated that he had been informed by someone in Arkansas that on the day of the raid on the vacant house near Hot Springs, the leader of the raid, accompanied by Agent Dameron, had taken this friend of his out in a car and endeavored to make him a proposition whereby the friend would inform them as to Karpis' whereabouts. This person knew Agent Dameron and had previously talked with Agent Dameron, but did not know whoever it was that he accompanied. From this you might possibly ascertain who Karpis' informant was.

He further stated that he had seen Agent Dameron both in Hot Springs and Little Rock, this friend of his, referred to above, having pointed Agent Dameron out to him after Dameron had interviewed this person relative to Karpis. He now repudiates his previous statement as to having had Special Agent in Charge Fletcher pointed out to him, stating that as Mr. Fletcher was Agent in Charge in that district he assumed it was he that was with Agent Dameron on the occasion mentioned.

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Very truly yours,

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C. W. STAIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska  
July 8, 1936

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

This is to inform you that Special Agent V. E. Criss, of the Chicago Bureau Office, arrived at Omaha, Nebraska at 7:20 A.M. today and departed for Chicago, Illinois at 4:00 P.M., this date.

Special Agent J. L. Flood, in a telephone conversation this date with Special Agent Kenneth McIntire of the Bureau, advised the latter of the above arrival and departure of Agent Criss, who accompanied an informant to Omaha in connection with the Brekid Case.

Very truly yours,

*R. A. ALT*  
R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Washington Field Office, Room 4244,  
Washington, D. C.

July 13, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

As the result of a flash card placed of record with the Veterans Administration, Special Agent R. P. Burruss has today been informed [redacted] Branch 259, Veterans Administration, that a check for \$213.96 will be mailed to [redacted] representing the balance of adjusted compensation due the deceased veteran, William James Harrison.

The above information was verbally transmitted by Agent Burruss to Mr. K. R. McIntire of the Bureau July 13, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*J. M. Keith*  
J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Edw. J. Bremer*

*Veterans  
Admin*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
629 First National Bank Building  
Omaha, Nebraska

July 10, 1936

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosing three (3) newspaper clippings, described  
below, relative to the apprehension of WILLIAM ELMER MEAD,--  
I. O. 1354, by agents of this office:

- (1) July 8, 1936, Evening Omaha World-Herald
- (2) July 8, 1936, Evening Omaha Bee-News
- (3) July 9, 1936, Morning Omaha World-Herald

Very truly yours,

*R. A. ALT.*  
R. A. ALT.,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# Con Man No. 1 Held in Omaha

William Mead Seized  
by G-Men; Wanted  
Bremer Kidnaping  
Prints Mutilated

Faces Indictment for  
Mail Fraud; Hoover  
Says 'Wast' Operator

William Mead, reputed  
to be the nation's No. 1 confidence  
man, was arrested this morning  
at an Omaha hotel for questioning  
in connection with the Bremer kid-  
naping.

Announcement of the arrest was  
made here by J. L. Flood, acting  
special agent in charge of the  
Omaha office of the bureau of in-  
vestigation, and in Washington by  
attorney general Homer S. Cum-  
mings. Flood and Agent R. J.  
Abbatechio made the arrest.

Mead, who has dozens of aliases  
and is known as "The Doctor,"  
"The Judge" and "Christ Kid,"  
will be turned over to postoffice  
inspectors after he has been ques-  
tioned by the G-men in connection  
with the kidnaping of Edward G.  
Bremer at St. Paul, Minn., in 1933.  
Mead is under indictment on a  
mail fraud charge in Jacksonville,  
Fla., and is said to have made  
hundreds of thousands of dollars  
in confidence games.

Dillinger's Doctor Operated.  
Attorney General Cummings  
said at Washington Mead's finger-  
prints had been mutilated by the  
same Chicago doctor who operated  
on John Dillinger. This was dis-  
covered when Mead was arrested  
on a traffic charge in Northamp-  
ton, Mass., July 12, 1935. He was  
fingerprinted and released on a  
two hundred-dollar bond, which he  
jumped.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the  
bureau of investigation, said at  
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as a confidence man "have been  
continuous over a period of ap-  
proximately 40 years" and that  
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dollars."



William E. Mead, No. 1 Confidence man.

*Conf. Man*  
*8/8/36*

RE: BREKID

OMAHA FILE 7-4

During the course of the in-  
vestigation relating to the Bremer  
kidnaping, said Cummings, "it  
was learned that Mead had an-  
gaged in certain financial trans-  
actions which indicated that he  
would possibly have information  
concerning the abduction." Cum-  
mings said Mead was not suspect-  
ed of having been an active par-  
ticipant in the abduction.

Mead, Cummings said, was the  
confidant of Louis Piquett, lawyer  
who was recently convicted of  
harboring Homer Van Meter, a  
member of the Dillinger gang. It  
was Piquett, Cummings said, who  
took Mead to the doctor who per-  
formed the finger mutilation op-  
eration.

Served Term in England.  
Mead is said to have operated  
throughout the country. Hoover  
said Mead "has maintained a high-  
ly efficient system of criminal con-  
tacts throughout the United  
States."

The bureau of investigation de-  
scribed him as "an international  
swindler." He once served a term  
in England.

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around race tracks to a large ex-  
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according to postal officials, rig-  
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to put up a large amount of money  
in a deal "as evidence of good  
faith."

According to a bureau of in-  
vestigation circular, Mead speaks in a  
querulous manner, often saying  
"ain't" and using double negatives.  
His wife is known as "Klondike  
Kate," "Prize Kate" and "Canor-  
dia Kate."

First Held in '96.  
Mead's criminal record began in  
1896, when he was sentenced to  
three years in California's San  
Quentin prison on a grand larceny  
charge. Later he was arrested fre-  
quently on charges of picking  
pockets, shoplifting and confidence  
games.

In 1923 he started a three-year  
sentence in Colorado on a con-  
fidence game charge.

As Edwin Eliza Gaynor, he got  
a year's sentence in England in  
1930 after he had been arrested  
by Scotland Yard detectives.

To Secret Jail.  
He was indicted in Jacksonville  
in 1934 on a charge he and con-  
federates had swindled a man out  
of 13 thousand dollars. He jumped  
a 10 thousand-dollar bond. Ar-  
rested later in Chicago on the same  
charge, he again jumped a 10  
thousand-dollar bond.

Mead reached Omaha only last  
night and registered at a hotel  
as "H. Nyles, San Antonio." To-  
day bureau of investigation men  
refused to say where he was held.  
He was not taken to either the  
city or county jail.



Con Man No. 1

Held Here in

Bremer Quiz

Elmer Mead Much

Sought Swindler

Caught in Hotel

7-9-1936

G-men Wednesday night still

were holding incommunicado in an

unknown hideaway William Elmer

Mead, international swindler and

reputed confidence man No. 1 of

the nation, who was taken into

custody Wednesday morning in a

downtown hotel for questioning in

connection with the Bremer kid-

napping case.

Department of justice agents

were refused to discuss results of

the questioning and were reported

to be awaiting instructions from

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bu-

reau of investigation at Washing-

ton, D. C.

Postal Inspector Vernon C. Batie

Wednesday afternoon said his of-

fice received instructions to take

charge of Mead when G-men finish

with him and arrange for his re-

turn to Jacksonville, Fla., where

he faces an indictment charging

use of mails to defraud.

Batie said Mead probably would

be turned over to postal inspectors

this morning. He will be taken

before United States Commissioner

Mary Mullen, who will set his

bond. Batie said he already has jumped

two 10,000-dollar bonds in

connection with the Florida indict-

ment. Batie said he will ask that

the bond be fixed so high that it

will be difficult for Mead to

raise it.

Batie said Mead also will be tak-

en before Federal Judge James A.

Donohoe for an order to allow

Mead's transfer to Jacksonville.

The Jacksonville indictment

charges that Mead, H. C. Howard,

alias Leon Felix, and William A.

Shaw, alias Brady, swindled \$11-

360 from Arthur C. Morton of

Whitman, Mass. in 1921, through

a stock market wire tapping

scheme.

Mead pleaded innocent, later

jumping his bond. Howard pleaded

guilty and was sentenced to serve

two years in the federal peniten-

tiary and pay a fine of one thou-

sand dollars. The prison sentence

was suspended and Howard placed

on probation for five years.

Shaw also pleaded guilty and

received a three-year suspended sen-

tence.

Announcement of Mead's arrest

was made here by W. E. Flood,

acting special agent in charge of

the Tampa office of the bureau of

investigation, and at Washington

by Attorney General Homer A.

Phillips, Flood and Agent S. J.

Connelley.

RE: BREKID

Dillinger's Doctor Operated.

Attorney General Cummings said at Washington Mead's finger-prints had been mutilated by the same Chicago doctor who operated on John Dillinger. This was discovered when Mead was arrested on a traffic charge in Northampton, Mass., July 12, 1935. He was fingerprinted and released on a two hundred-dollar bond, which he jumped.

Hoover said at Washington that Mead's operations as a confidence man "have been continuous over a period of approximately 40 years" and that "swindles which he and his associates have perpetrated have aggregated hundreds of thousands of dollars."

"During the course of the investigation relating to the Bremer kidnaping," said Cummings, "it was learned that Mead had engaged in certain financial transactions which indicated that he would possibly have information concerning the abduction." Cummings said Mead was not suspected of having been an active participant in the abduction.

Worked Race Tracks.

Mead, Cummings said, was the confidant of Louis Piquett, lawyer who was recently convicted of harboring Homer Van Meter, a member of the Dillinger gang. It was Piquett, Cummings said, who took Mead to the doctor who performed the finger mutilation operation.

Mead is said to have operated around race tracks to a large extent. He is a "pay off" con man, according to postal officials, rigging some scheme to get the victim to put up a large amount of money in a deal "as evidence of good faith."

According to a bureau of investigation circular, Mead speaks in a querulous manner, often saying "ain't" and using double negatives. His wife is known as "Klondike Kate," "Frisco Kate" and "California Kate."

First Held in '36.

Mead's criminal record began in 1936, when he was sentenced to three years in California's San Quentin prison on a grand larceny charge. Later he was arrested frequently on charges of picking pockets, shoplifting and confidence games.

In 1928 he started a three-year sentence in Colorado on a confidence game charge.

As Edwin Elza Gaynor, he got a year's sentence in England in 1930 after he had been arrested by Scotland Yard detectives.

George Williams, 2213 Mason street, accused of stealing paint-ers' equipment belonging to M. E. Bannon, 618 South Twenty-sixth street, was bound over to district court Wednesday morning on a charge of grand larceny.

ADVERTISEMENT

# SEIZE SUSPECT HERE IN BREMER KIDNAPING

Re: BREMER  
Omaha File 7-4

Omaha News Bee  
7/5/35



# FACE OF CONFIDENCE MEN ARRESTED AT OMAHA HOTEL

William E. Mead, described as the nation's cleverest confidence man, was arrested by federal bureau of investigation operatives in the lobby of the Hotel Fontenelle Wednesday morning as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Mead was taken by the G-men to a secret jail and was being questioned regarding the Bremer case Wednesday afternoon.

He was arrested by Omaha agents of the Department of Justice headed by J. L. Flood.

Mead had registered as H. Nilca. Announcement of the arrest was made in Washington by Attorney General Homer Cummings. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau of investigation, said Mead "has maintained a highly efficient system of criminal contacts in the United States, is an international confidence man and was a 'confidant' of Louis Piquetti, Chicago lawyer, convicted of harboring a Dillinger gangster."

Mead's fingerprints had been mutilated by the same doctors who performed facial operations and fingerprint defacements on John Dillinger and Homer Van Meter, according to Hoover.

**LINKED WITH KARPIS**  
It was understood here that Mead is wanted as the "finger man" in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer in St. Paul two years ago

a crime for which a number have been convicted and for which Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, is now facing trial.

In Washington, however, Hoover intimated Mead's connection with the case was a financial one.

"During the course of the investigation relating to the kidnaping of Bremer," Hoover said, "Mead engaged in certain financial transactions which indicated he would possibly have information regarding the abduction."

Although Mead's apprehension has not been sought as an actual participant in the abduction, efforts have been made to locate him for purposes of questioning him in connection with that matter.

**JAILED SECRETLY**  
Flood would not divulge the whereabouts of Mead, but said he was being questioned somewhere in or near Omaha. The prisoner was not taken to police headquarters, police in fact, were not asked to assist in the arrest.

In Washington Mead's age was given as 59. Flood said local police criminal records give his age as 63.

He has a record dating back to 1896, when he was arrested in Los Angeles for grand larceny, and served a three-year term. Since then he has operated on an international scale.

In 1920 he was arrested by Scotland Yard detectives in London on a charge of conspiracy and attempt to steal by confidence trick. For these two charges he served a year in prison, at hard labor.

The record shows that he is "the kingpin of all confidence men," Flood said.

Mead operated his swindling schemes principally around race tracks, usually with three to five associates.

He has been sought unsuccessfully since he jumped a \$10,000 bond in Chicago three years ago, following his arrest for mail fraud at Jacksonville, Fla. A year ago he was arrested in Northampton, Mass., on a minor auto charge, and again skipped bond. Northampton police did not recognize their prisoner, but his identity was learned through finger prints in Washington.

Hoover said Mead and his accomplices have perpetrated swindles which have aggregated hundreds of thousands of dollars.

62-25915

July 11, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.Re: WILLIAM FINE/HEAD, with aliases,  
I. O. 1554;  
WANTED FOR QUESTIONING.

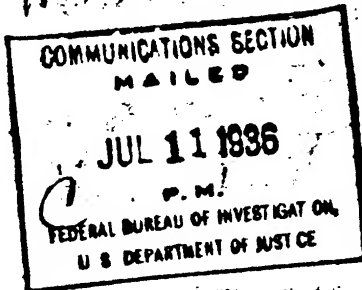
Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as the apprehension of the above named person is no longer desired by the Bureau, you are instructed to cause the data relative to this person to be canceled in the Pocket Identification Order Booklet in the possession of each Agent attached to your office.

The number of this person in the booklet is 115.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JUL 11 1936 A. M.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Edw. E. Bremer*  
This is a form letter  
sent to all S. A. C.'s,  
S. J. C.'s, & Officials.  
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July 11, 1936

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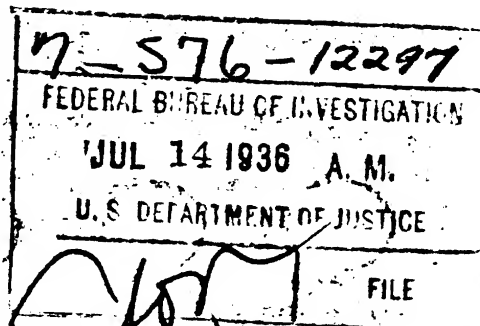
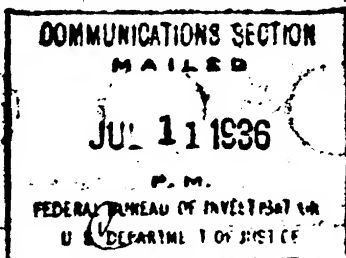
MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Information has been received to the effect  
that subject WILLIAM E. MEADE, with aliases.  
FUGITIVE, Index No. 5980, was located at  
Omaha, Nebraska, on July 8, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

PHILADELPHIA FILE NO. 7-45 /aat

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/11/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/7 &amp; 10/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. L. FALLON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Walter Robert Armstrong at present time incarcerated in New Castle County Workhouse, Wilmington, Delaware, where he is serving sentence of six months for false pretenses. Upon interview admits he used name of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston in various transit camps throughout United States. Fingerprint impressions taken by Bureau Agents and same do not correspond with those of Fugitive Moran.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent J. Michael McGrath, Aberdeen, S. Dak., dated December 21, 1935.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.</u></p> <p>This investigation is predicated upon information received from Special Agent R. P. Burruss, of the Washington Field Office, by telephone on July 7, 1936, which, in substance, concerned the files of the Veterans' Administration, Washington, D. C., reflecting that Walter R. Armstrong had received his bonus certificates at P. O. Box #692, Wilmington, Delaware, and that Armstrong may be Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Fugitive, I. O. #1232.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.</u></p> <p>Accordingly, the following Agents proceeded to</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. C. Vittit</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Wilmington, Delaware: Special Agents A. Schroeder, G. C. Callan, E. J. Gebben, and the writer, at which place Assistant Postmaster W. J. McBlain informed that the Post Office Box in question was listed under the Sunday Breakfast Mission, and a further check of the people who received mail there showed that Walter R. Armstrong was one of these parties.

A check of the Sunday Breakfast Mission, 117 Shipley Street, revealed that Armstrong had been arrested in May, 1935, for false pretenses and passing fraudulent checks, and at present is serving a sentence in the New Castle County Workhouse at Wilmington.

Mr. R. Wilson, Warden of the Workhouse, gave Agents permission to talk to Armstrong, and the following information was obtained from the conversation which ensued: That he (Armstrong) was born and reared in Minneapolis, Minn., is 47 years of age, and served time in the U. S. Army Air Corps; that he was married at Minneapolis, and is not presently living with his wife; that no children were born by this union; that his parents are deceased, and he does not have any near relatives. He readily admitted that he had been in Fargo, N. Dak., and had worked for the Veterans Administration at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., and when questioned as to the information set out in the reference report, he admitted that he had been at most of the transient camps mentioned, also in Montana, and that he had spent part of the summer of 1934 on a dude ranch; that he returned to Minneapolis, Minn., and thence went to Wilmington, where he has been for the past eight months at the Breakfast Mission House acting in the capacity of Clerk. Armstrong informed that his greatest trouble was the imbibing too freely in intoxicating liquors. He admitted the following criminal activities: stealing a car in Paul's Valley, Okla., and being sentenced to serve five years in the McAlester Penitentiary in January, 1934; he served nine months of this term and was released on parole; he served time in Michigan State Penitentiary for false pretenses under his correct name; after his release from the State Penitentiary at Oklahoma (McAlester) he immediately proceeded to Minneapolis, Minn.

In an effort to drop his past, he claims he used the family name of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston, having obtained his medical knowledge through reading books in the penitentiary and assisting the medical authorities at the State Penitentiary at Oklahoma.

Armstrong is an educated man, claiming that he attended the Michigan Medical School, and worked at the Probation Hospital,

Brooklyn, N. Y., and was also with the Veterans Administration at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., during 1920 and 1921. He is quite conversant in Latin, and also has a smattering of French.

The fingerprint impressions of Walter R. Armstrong were taken by Agent Schroeder and were compared against those of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Fugitive, I. O. #1232, dated September 14, 1934, and no comparison whatever was effected. However, Armstrong does resemble the picture of Moran on the I. O.

The records of the Wilmington Police Department show that Armstrong was arrested under the name of Walter R. Armstrong on April 20, 1936, at Wilmington, Delaware, for false pretenses, entered a plea of guilty on May 1, 1936, before Judge Rodney, of the General Sessions Court, for false pretenses and passing fraudulent checks, and was sentenced to serve six months in the New Castle County Workhouse. The fingerprint card under Wilmington, Del. PD #4107, was forwarded to the Bureau under date of April 20, 1936, under the name of Walter R. Armstrong. There is a picture at the present time in the Wilmington Police Department under number 4007.

The fingerprints obtained from Armstrong at the New Castle County Workhouse are being forwarded to the Identification Division for future reference.

P E N D I N G



July 28, 1936

RECORDED

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1252;  
ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1936 in which it is shown that Walter Robert Armstrong has been located at the New Castle County Workhouse, Wilmington, Delaware, and that he has admitted using the alias of "Dr. Robert Carville Orniston" while living in various transient camps in North Dakota during the summer of 1935.

It is the Bureau's desire, in spite of his admission that he used the name of "Orniston", that numerous handwriting specimens be obtained from him, to be compared with the handwriting of Dr. Joseph P. Moran now in the possession of the Bureau. These handwriting specimens should be in pencil and also in ink, and should contain hand printing as well as handwriting.

When these specimens have been obtained, they should be submitted promptly to the Bureau with the request that they be compared with the known handwriting specimens of Dr. Joseph P. Moran which are now on file in the Bureau's Technical Laboratory. This matter should be expedited.

JUL 28 1936

F. M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Dawsey .....  
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Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. Gurnea .....

cc Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley at Chicago.



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building  
Omaha, Nebraska

July 8, 1936

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: <sup>D</sup>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1232; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

I am attaching herewith three sets of the finger-  
prints of William Elmer Mead, I. O. 1354, which were taken  
by Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio.

I am having Mead again fingerprinted tomorrow and  
will forward the prints to the Bureau. Inasmuch as he has  
had his fingerprints mutilated and it is presumed the Bureau  
should have several copies of the prints.

Very truly yours,

*R. A. Alt*  
R. A. ALT  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Memo Mr. Edwards  
7-10-36 KEN-P*

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Miss Gandy

FBI CHICAGO 7-7-36 9-46AM PC

DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. CHARLES O. LONG AND MRS MEAD TALKED TO WILLIAM KIMER

MEAD ON TELEPHONE AT NINE THIRTY LAST NIGHT. MEAD REQUESTED INFORMANT

TO MEET HIM AT FONTENELLE HOTEL, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, BETWEEN TEN AM AND

NOON JULY 8. INFORMANT IS WILLING TO GO TO OMAHA AND MEET MEAD AND BE

ARRESTED WITH HIM AS HERETOFORE REQUESTED. ADVISES POSSIBILITY WILL MEET

AT SOME OTHER HOTEL. VERY DISCREET SHADOWING WILL BE NECESSARY. ADVISE

WHETHER AUTHORITY GRANTED TO ADVANCE EXPENSES FOR INFORMANT TO TRAVEL TO

OMAHA. IF GRANTED AUTHORITY REQUESTED FOR AGENT OF THIS OFFICE TO ACCOMPANY

INFORMANT IN ORDER TO FINGER HIM FOR AGENTS OF OMAHA OFFICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JUL 13 1936 P.M.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*This is vital. Give it  
special attention.*

J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

RBH:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 7, 1936.

Time - 3:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
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Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. Hood telephoned Special Agent A. H. Johnson, Acting in Charge of the Chicago Office, with reference to the attached teletype from that office to inquire as to the details of the contact which Mrs. Meade had with her husband, William Elmer Meade, by telephone last night. Mr. Johnson said that they did not know until the time the telephone call was made where it was going to be received; that Informant Long contacted Mrs. Meade, and ascertained that apparently she had already made arrangements for Meade to call a certain number, which was apay station on State Street in Chicago. He said they had men tailing Long and Mrs. Meade, of course, but they couldn't get close to them for the reason that the telephone was located in an alcove; that Mrs. Meade is "just as foxy as an old cat and watches the movements of everyone". He said the call came in just about the time the informant said it would, but they had no way of checking what telephone it was coming in to and where it was coming from, although Mrs. Meade stated to the informant that Meade had driven in 100 miles to make the call. Just where he had driven in from or where he had driven to, we do not know.

Mr. Johnson said that when they received Bureau telegram of authorization for them to pay the expenses of Informant Long in order that he might go to Omaha to cover a contact with Meade, he got in touch with the Omaha Office, advised them in the premises relative to this matter and requested that they get set up, since he intends to send only Agent V. E. Criss from Chicago. He said he figured the Omaha Agents, being familiar with the city, would be in a better position to handle the tail than Chicago Agents, but of course, one man had to be sent along to identity the informant. Criss will leave about 6:30 this evening and will arrive in Omaha about 7:20 in the morning, the contact being set for between ten and twelve o'clock tomorrow. - Mr. Johnson said Criss and the Informant will arrive in time for Criss to identity Long to the Omaha Agents so that they might know who they are to tail, etc.

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